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## ABBREVIATIONS

ADF	- Automatic Direction Finder
ASR	- Air Surveillance Radar
BRC	- Base Recovery Course
CTOL	- Carrier Take-Off and Landing
EMCON	- Emission Control
FLOLS	- Fresnel Lens Optical Landing System
FOD	- Foreign Object Damage
HIFR	- Helicopter In-Flight Refueling
HOBRR	- Helicopter Onboard Radar
IFR	- Instrument Flight Rules
ILS	- Integrated Logistic Support
IMC	- Instrument Meteorological Conditions
LAMPS	- Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System
LSE	- Landing Signalman Enlisted
LSO	- Landing Signalling Officer
NAEC	- Naval Air Engineering Center
NATOPS	- Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization
NAVAIRSYSCOM	- Naval Air Systems Command
NAVTOLEND	- Navy Vertical Take-Off and Landing Capability Development
PAR	- Precision Approach Radar
PIL	- Point of Intended Landing
PIM	- Position and Intended Movement
RAST	- Rapid Assist Secure and Traverse
SATS	- Short Airfield for Tactical Support
SLED	- Helicopter Towed Mine Detection Equipment
TACAN	- Tactical Air Navigation
VERTREP	- Vertical Replenishment
VFR	- Visual Flight Rules
VLA	- Visual Landing Aids
VMC	- Visual Meteorological Conditions
V/STOL	- Vertical/Short Take-Off and Landing

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## SECTION I - INTRODUCTION

This report provides a comprehensive analysis of pilot visual landing aid requirements for operation of helicopters and V/STOL aircraft from ship and shorebased sites.

The analytical effort spans a 5 year period commencing in 1974 and reflects the contributions of analyst Mr. R. Richards and Mr. J. Gilstrap of Pacer Systems Corporation, and analyst Dr. C. Freer, Mr. B. Evans and Mr. J. McKinley of Quanta Systems Corporation.

This report and more specifically, the analysis, conclusions, performance requirements and recommendations sections, was prepared by Mr. W. Scott Mitchell and Mr. Charles A. Douglas of Quanta Systems Corporation. The effort was performed under the direction of Mr. T. Momiyama of the Naval Air Systems Command and Dr. R. Shumaker, Mr. M. Kolodner, and Mr. S. Shay of the Naval Air Engineering Center.

The report is organized into eight sections starting with this introduction which further describes the requirement, background and approach to the study. The last four sections detail the terminology used to define pilot information, data tabulated as a result of pilot surveys, and typical existing VLA configurations. The analysis of the pilot data, evaluation of existing sources and identification of deficiencies are discussed in Section II for Helicopters and Section III for the AV-8A. The conclusions of the study, performance requirements and recommendations are described in Section IV.

A. NAVTOLAND PROJECT

The NAVTOLAND project was established to provide an integrated systems approach to improve operational capabilities of the helicopter and V/STOL aircraft employed to shipboard platforms and tactical shorebased sites. Currently, operations are restricted to a 200-foot ceiling, one-half nautical mile visibility, and sea state 3 ship motion limits. The goal of the project is to provide a capability to operate in zero ceiling, one-eighth nautical mile visibility and sea state 5. The project involves a coordinated development of the aircraft flight control and display systems to provide flying qualities with a satisfactory level of pilot workload; shipboard and tactical site installed approach and landing guidance systems; and visual aids to effect a precision touchdown. Further, the project emphasizes developments which can be applied toward improvement of the AV-8 HARRIER and result in a total all-weather and rough sea operation for all future Navy and Marine Corps V/STOL aircraft. The NAVTOLAND project considers a wide range of interacting elements:

- Flight controls/displays
- Guidance sensor system
- Visual Landing Aids
- Ship motion forecasting

- Aircraft hauldown/securing
- Pilot techniques
- Simulation
- Flight test

The development of these elements is directed toward providing the U.S. Navy 1980's and 1990's integrated V/STOL take-off and landing capability.

B. NAVTOLAND VLA ELEMENT

The development of the VLA element of the NAVTOLAND project involves organization of the following factors to guide the pilot:

- Dedicated displays or indicators for specific flight guidance parameters such as glide slope, line-up, attitude, etc. The well-known "meatball" aircraft carrier optical landing system is an example.
- Deck markings and lightings to enhance the pilot's perspective of the landing platform -- e.g., white floodlighting, deck edge and centerline markings and lights.
- Various natural cue elements which singularly or collectively give the pilot some secondary position, speed, attitude and other cues, such as grass on the runway, sea surface.

Within the context of the NAVTOLAND project, the VLA element concentrates on the definition of the necessary VLA package configurations which are:

- Integrated within the total visual scene of the pilot in all of the applicable segments in approach and landing.
- Usable for each class of ship and tactical site and respective V/STOL and/or helicopter operation.
- Standardized across aircraft types, ships and tactical sites as much as possible.

Such VLA packages will consist of:

- Existing lighting and optical systems validated as parts of the package (existing systems which are found to be inadequate, confusing or non-contributing would be eliminated).
- Additional lighting schemes and other visual cue enhancement devices.
- Other optical devices which may be coupled to non-VLA guidance and control sensors such as electronic guidance sensors, aircraft control systems or ship motion sensors.

In reviewing the general arrangement of the currently operational VLA assortment aboard a typical air capable ship, it becomes apparent that there is a substantial number of aids. Many of these aids have been added on piecemeal with quick-patch evolved configurations. It is also apparent that the aids are an extension of the aircraft carrier VLA "know how", which has emphasized precision in approach for the constant speed and constant glide slope CTOL flying requirement (drop-line lights line-up aid and glide slope indicator) rather than precision at touchdown which is essential for V/STOL and helicopter's continuously maneuvering flight. From the standpoint of flying qualities, the following considerations in the V/STOL VLA development are pertinent:

- The lower weather minima of the project goal require increased VLA performance at visual threshold. For varying operational visual threshold ranges, VLA performance requirements for corresponding flying tasks must be met.
- VLA signals must conform to V/STOL and helicopter peculiar, optimized flight paths.
- The pilot's field-of-view limitations and precision final landing maneuvering cue requirements demand closer interface with (smoother transition from) and/or direct use of electronic guidance signals in the VLA design.

#### C. DEVELOPMENT OF VLA REQUIREMENTS

The development of NAVTOLAND VLA requirements commenced in 1974 by NAEC under contract N68335-75-C-2120 with Pacer Systems Corporation. A Task I report of October 1975 discussed the human factors involved in receiving, processing and responding to visual information in the operational environment; the characteristics of vertical take-off and landing aircraft; and the nature of the visual task from the pilots viewpoint. Of particular importance, the Task I report:

- Identified logical segments of the approach and landing flight phase, major piloting tasks within these segments, and the information required to conduct these tasks (see Section V).
- Analyzed the improved LAMPS VLA suite to identify the level and type of information which individual component and groups of components in that suite rendered in daylight, twilight, and nighttime, for each approach and landing segment.
- Compared the information rendered by the LAMPS VLA suite in the nighttime scenario to the information requirements identified for individual approach and landing segments.

A sample Pilot Information Requirements Matrix, prepared as a result of the methodology developed above, is illustrated in Figure 1-1.

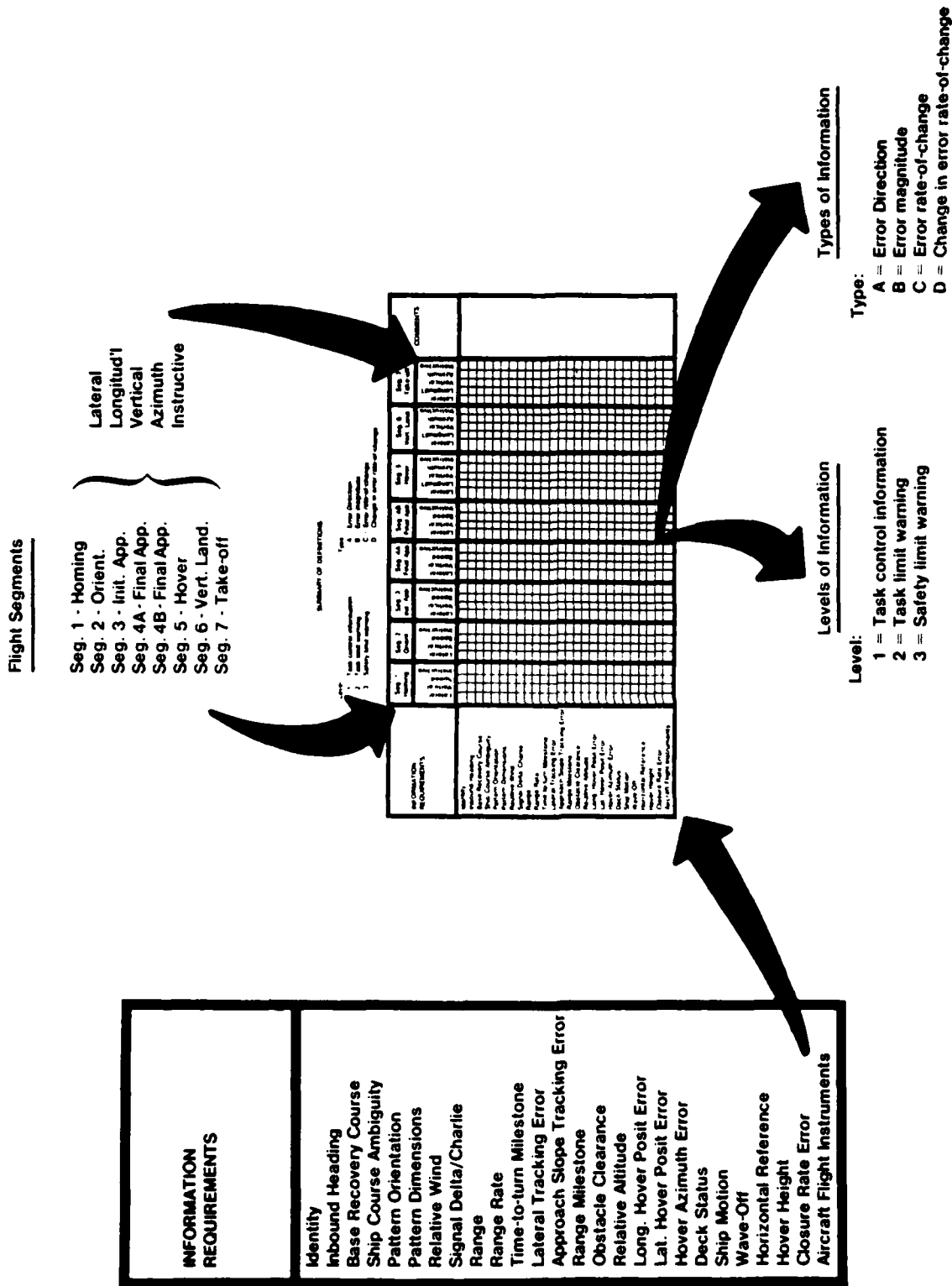


Figure 1-1. Sample Pilot Information Requirements Matrix

The Pacer Systems Corporation effort continued under contract N68335-76-C-2244 and was reported in May 1976 with a Task II report which discussed display requirements. This report identified the major characteristics of VLA devices, related the major characteristics to the VLA requirements, discussed the information requirement categories, outlined the parameters of a VLA devices specification, and described the desired qualities of devices related to each information requirement category.

#### D. VALIDATION OF PILOT INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

A validation by Fleet pilots of the information categories and, more specifically, particular information requirements suggested in the Pacer Systems Corporation report, was directed by the project office in 1976. The effort was conducted jointly by Pacer Systems Corporation under contract N68335-76-C-2244 and Quanta Systems Corporation under contract N68335-77-C-1092, and consisted of four tasks:

1. Development of Briefing Materials. Briefing materials were prepared for indoctrinating pilots as to the terms and considerations used in the Information Requirements Matrix. The indoctrination material consisted of:

- a. Briefing narrative with definitions of each term used on the matrix and a discussion of special considerations.
- b. Briefing aids including transparencies and handouts.

2. Development of Pilot Questionnaires. A questionnaire was prepared for the purpose of collecting data pertaining to individual pilot aeronautical qualifications, and registering pilot opinions as to the nature of information requirements. The form for recording the general and aeronautical experience of each pilot included such data as pilot name, squadron type, amount and kind of flight experience, type of aircraft flown, etc.

3. Pilot Interviews. The following activities designated by the NAVAIRSYSCOM were visited in 1976:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
11/4	NATC	Patuxent River, MD
11/8	COMHELSEACONWINGONE	NAS Norfolk, VA
11/9	HSL-30, 32, 34	NAS Norfolk, VA
11/10	HM-12	NAS Norfolk, VA
11/11	HC-6	NAS Norfolk, VA
11/22	MAG-32	MCAS Cherry Point, NC
11/23	MAG-29	MCAS New River, NC
11/24	MAG-26	MCAS New River, NC
11/29	HSL-31, 33, 35	NAS North Island, CA
11/30	HC-3	NAS North Island, CA
12/2	MAG-16	MCAS Santa Ana, CA
12/3	DET MAG 16	MCAS Camp Pendleton, CA
12/10	MCAF Quantico	MCDEC Quantico, VA



A lecture of 50 minutes' duration was presented to explain the concepts, terms and considerations of the analysis which had created the Pilot Information Requirements Matrix. The pilots were then requested to make their entries on the forms provided. The forms duplicated the data on the matrices and provided spaces for interviewees to enter changes, comments, additional Information Categories, or enter categories of their own design. The interviewers requested that pilots arrange themselves into groups for mutual discussion of the issues and procedures involved with each information item. As the process began, it was necessary to go through the form, item-by-item, bringing out the relevant considerations: of environment -- black night, no horizon, EMCON; of location as based upon segment definitions; of the need to think only about the kinds of information for specific navigational task management, or safety purposes, without trying to envision the feasible means to visually provide the information (they were not to invent -- only to provide a documentation of required information); and of the concepts serving as the definition of information Levels and Types. Within a short time, the groups, of from 3 to 6 pilots, became self-sustaining in their completion of the forms and could proceed at their own pace. The group interview process was generally completed within two hours.

4. Pilot Data Tabulation. Data collected as a result of the pilot interviews was organized and tabulated to reveal the degree of concurrence with the information requirements suggested on the questionnaire. A tabulation of the survey data is presented in Section VI- Pilot Survey of Information Requirements, and Section VII- Pilot Survey Statements.

a. Pilot Survey of Information Requirements - includes a list of the information requirement categories, the ratings suggested to and by the pilots, the number of pilots which agreed or disagreed with each rating, pilot comments associated with a particular rating and engineering comments regarding differences in levels and types of data noted by the pilots. The ratings were annotated with a combination of a circle to indicate that the rating was suggested on the pilot questionnaire by the analyst, a triangle to indicate that the rating was added by the pilot, or a square to indicate that the rating was validated.

b. Pilot Survey Statements - includes the responses to general questions regarding the visual cue sources used during night operations, the adequacy of the present VLA suites and recommendations for improving the VLA.

#### E. ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

The analysis of information requirements commenced in September 1978 by Quanta Systems Corporation under NAEC contract N68335-78-C-2022. The analysis involved a tabulation of pilot concurrence with information requirements derived from the validation survey; the evaluation of information sources based on approach profiles and ranges which the sources were visible under different atmospheric conditions; and level and type of cues provided by the sources as compared to the information requirements.

1. Approach Profiles. Typical helicopter and AV-8 approaches during both VFR and IFR conditions used in accordance with NWP-42 and NWP-63 and correlated with

the homing orientation, initial approach, final approach, hover and vertical landing segments defined in the study. This enabled assignment of quantitative range values to each segment aid; thus, assessment of the effectiveness of existing sources of visual information at specific phases of the approach.

2. Information Sources. The major sources evaluated for their potential in providing the desired information requirements included: electronic aids, i.e., TACAN, radar, and voice communications; the homing beacon; view of the ship or field; ships wake; deck status lights, wave-off lights; wind sock; landing line-up lights and markings; glide slope indicators; view of the horizon; visual signals; view of obstructions; view of hangar and forward structure; and the LSE/LSO. Typical lighting configurations for LPH/LHA ships, air capable ships and 600' SATS fields are diagrammed in Section VIII.

3. Visual Range of Lights. The visual range of lights, such as the homing beacon, were evaluated under different meteorological conditions on the basis of the data indicated in Figure 1-2 for day and 1-3 for night. Using this data, the sources of information were rated as strong, moderate, weak, very weak or as no source. The homing beacon, for example, with an intensity of 1,500 candelas was rated as a strong source at night with 7 mile visibility assuming the pilot had closed to within a few miles of the ship. During the day, however, with the pilot at the same distance from the ship, the homing beacon was rated as no source because it could only be sighted when the pilot closed to within approximately 1 mile of the ship.

4. Levels and Types of Data. The system for classifying information by level I, task control; level II, task limit warning; level III, safety limit warning; and Type A, error direction; Type B, error magnitude; Type C, error rate of change; Type D, rate in error rate of change, is described in some detail in Section V, Terminology.

Although the concept of information levels is relatively straightforward, the concept of information types required repeated explanation during the validation survey and is, therefore, further explained here.

a. In order to close to a desired approach path, or point, and thereafter to remain on the desired path, or at the desired point, three conditions must be simultaneously satisfied: first, the displacement of the aircraft from the desired path, or point (the error magnitude), must be zero; second, the rate of change of displacement (error) must be zero; and third, the rate of change of rate of change of error magnitude must be zero.

b. Rate of change of error can be obtained either indirectly by making periodic observations of error magnitude and (mentally) computing the rate of change or by direct indications of the rate of change of error. Thus, a pilot can fly an aircraft by holding the altitude nearly constant and observing only the altimeter or he can hold the altitude more nearly constant by using both the vertical speed indicator and the altimeter. Similarly, the pilot can determine rate of rate of change by direct or indirect observations.

The question as to whether a device or system yields error magnitude, rate of change of error, and rate of rate of change is dependent not only on the sensitivity of the

## VISUAL RANGE OF LIGHTS AS A FUNCTION OF INTENSITY

## DAY

Meteorological Visibility*	300 feet	700 feet	1/2 mile	1 mile	3 miles	7 miles
Intensity (candelas)	Daytime Visual Range (feet)					
10	200	290	420	460	500	520
60	300	470	810	980	1160	1230
100	330	530	970	1190	1460	1570
1000	480	850	1840	2560	3700	4400
10000	650	1220	3000	4500	7900	10000
100000	830	1630	4380	7080	14000	22000
10 <sup>6</sup>	1020	2050	5890	9940	22000	37000
10 <sup>7</sup>	1220	2500	7500	13000	30000	56000
10 <sup>8</sup>	1420	3000	9170	16000	40000	76000
10 <sup>9</sup>	1620	3430	10900	20000	49000	98000
(10 <sup>20</sup> )	(4000)	(8900)	(31000)	(320000)		

\*  $r = 0.05$ 

Figure 1-2. Visual Range of Lights as a Function of Intensity - Day

## VISUAL RANGE OF LIGHTS AS A FUNCTION OF INTENSITY

## NIGHT

Meteorological Visibility*	300 feet	700 feet	1/2 mile	1 mile	3 miles	7 miles
Intensity (candelas)	Nighttime Visual Range (feet)					
10	270	550	1630	2700	5400*	7900
60	320	680	2150	3800	8500	14000
100	330	720	2300	4100	9400	16000
1000	400	890	3030	5600	14000	28000
10000	470	1060	3800	7300	20000	42000
100000	540	1240	4600	9000	26000	59000
10 <sup>6</sup>	610	1430	5400	11000	33000	77000
10 <sup>7</sup>	680	1610	6200	13000	39000	95000
10 <sup>8</sup>	760	1800	7100	15000	46000	110000
10 <sup>9</sup>	830	1990	7900	17000	53000	130000
(10 <sup>20</sup> )	(1670)	(4200)	(18000)	(38000)	(130000)	(360000)

\* U.S. scale of night visibility

Figure 1-3. Visual Range of Lights as a Function of Intensity - Night

system but also upon the time available for observing the device or system and the frequency with which it can be observed. In this regard, it is easier to obtain information on the rate of change of a variable from an indication of the magnitude of the variable when the indication is of the analog type (a pointer on a meter) than when the information is digital, assuming the device indicating the magnitude is sufficiently sensitive so that one can see movement of the pointer at a glance when the rate of change is significant.

Based on the information requirements identified by the pilots during each segment of the approach profile and the evaluation of the effectiveness of existing sources in providing required information, a comparison was made which resulted in the identification of deficiencies. These deficiencies provided the guidelines for determining the performance of required visual landing aids discussed in Section IV.

## SECTION II. HELICOPTER ANALYSIS

This section is divided into three parts. The first part addresses Segment 1 - homing, Segment 2 - orientation, and Segment 3 - initial approach, and requires visual aids which are visible at long range. The second part deals with Segment 4 - final approach and requires visual aids which are visible at a moderate range of about 3 miles. The third part deals with those requirements involving the hover and vertical landing and requires visual aids which provide the necessary cues during the close-in 700' to landing. The analysis conducted in each part begins with a scenario of the operation, the pilot information requirements, evaluation criteria, evaluation of existing sources of information and the identification of deficiencies.

The homing, orientation, initial approach, final approach, hover and vertical landing segments are identified in Figure 2-1 for a typical helicopter approach to an air capable ship.

### PART I. HOMING, ORIENTATION AND INITIAL APPROACH

#### A. SCENARIO

The homing, orientation and initial approach segments are generally defined as follows:

- The homing segment includes the progress to any point from which the pilot undertakes a course to the marshalling position. The marshalling position is a point in space established relative to the ship from which approach procedures such as those using TACAN or radar services, are commenced. If the homing segment is navigated using an approach aid to reach the marshalling position or a holding point directly, the entire portion of the flight to such a position is considered to be in the homing segment. The homing section terminates as the ship is overflown, or, in the instance when the aircraft goes directly to marshall, when marshall is reached.
- The orientation segment includes the localized relative navigation undertaken to reach the marshalling position once the aircraft has arrived in the general area of the terminal site. Included in this segment are any holding or Delta patterns prescribed for control of the aircraft awaiting clearance for an approach.
- The initial approach segment begins upon departure from any marshalling position, holding point, or Delta pattern, and terminates upon completion of adjustments to the direction of flight, altitude and air speed necessary for establishing final approach conditions. For aircraft flying a "racetrack" pattern, this segment includes the up-wind leg of 300 feet on the starboard side of the ship, formation break for landing interval, and the downwind leg to the 180 degree position.

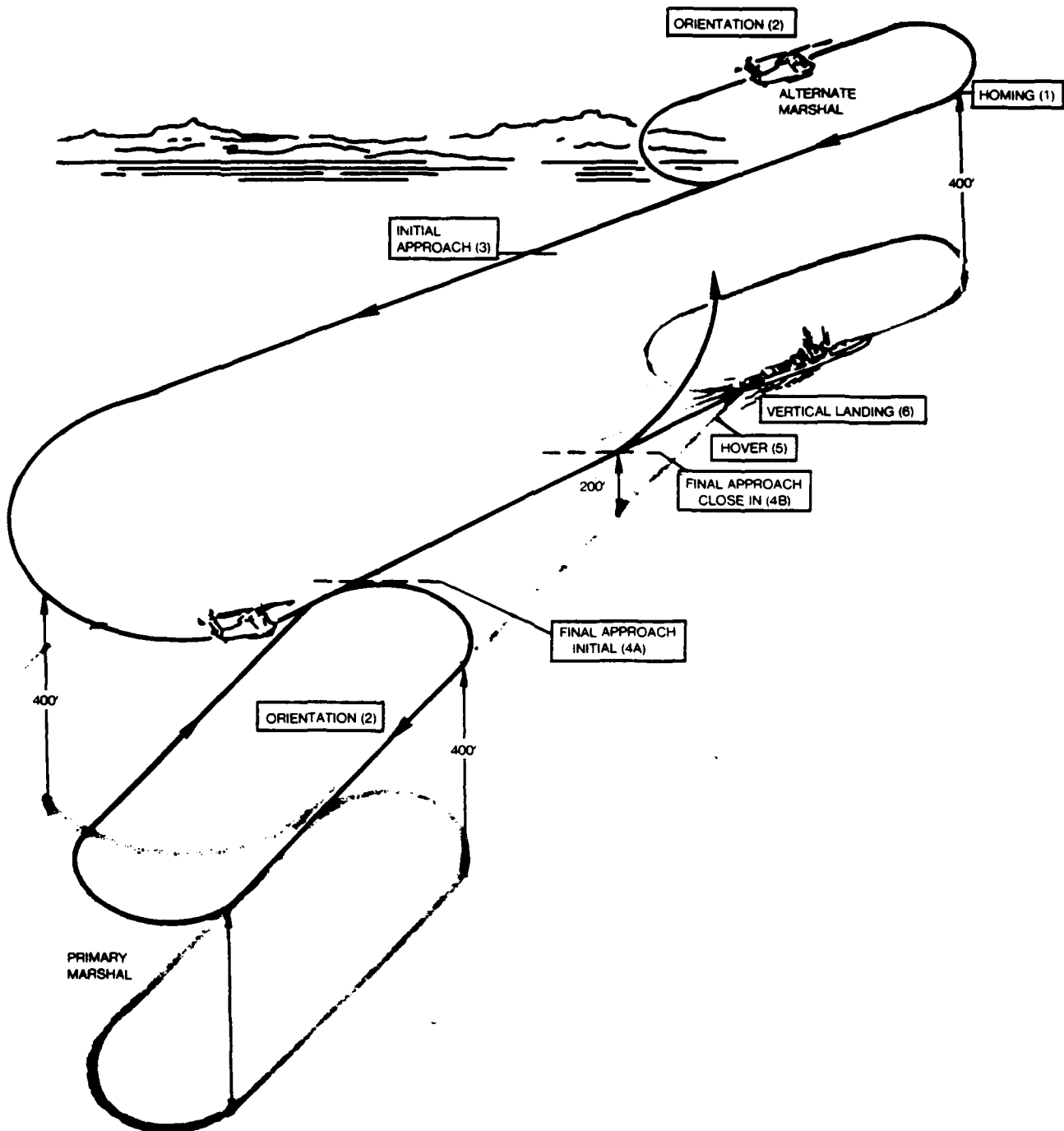


Figure 2-1. Typical Air Capable Ship Landing Pattern for Helicopters  
Approach Profile for Helicopters

## B. PILOT INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

The data contained in Figure 2-2 for the homing segment indicates the percentage of Navy and Marine pilots operating both at sea and on shore which agree to the information requirements suggested in the survey. In reviewing the percentages, it appears that there is substantial agreement among the pilots with regard to requiring:

1. Identity and inbound heading data to locate the ship.
2. Ships course ambiguity, base course recovery, pattern orientation, pattern dimensions, and signal Delta/Charlie data to determine the correct orientation to the ship.
3. Range and range rate data to determine the point at which to start the initial approach.
4. Deck status, relative wind and ship motion data to determine the situation aboard ship.

A few noteworthy exceptions are discussed below.

1. Identity - 78% of the VERTREP pilots indicated the need for task limit warning as opposed to task control information. These pilots commented that fuel was particularly critical on long missions and were, thus, more concerned than other pilots in locating the ship immediately.

2. Ship Motion - This information seems to be important in the minds of many pilots, even at the homing segments, in order that they may mentally prepare themselves for the task ahead. In addition, it appears that interest in ship motion appears to grow as the size of the ship diminishes.

3. VERTREP Load Data - Many H-46 pilots suggested the need to be aware of this data as a prerequisite for any flight.

4. Aircraft Separation - Although just a few pilots indicated the need to be aware of aircraft separation, it is noted here because of the importance of this information during multi-aircraft operations.

5. Landing Area Size and Shape - This information was only requested by one pilot. It is considered significant to note because, like ship motion, pilots are often interested in gaining as much information prior to the time that it is required in order to reduce the anxiety level.

During the orientation and initial approach segments, the information required by pilots remained generally the same, except as noted:

1. Identity, inbound heading, and ships course ambiguity information was not required since it had already been established during the homing segment.

Information Requirements	Type	U.S. Navy At Sea				Marines At Sea			Marines At Sea and Shore H-1/H-46/H-53 (Note 9)
		H-2 (Note 1)	H-46 (Note 2)	H-46 (Note 3)	H-53 (Note 4)	H-53 (Note 5)	UH-1/AH-1 (Note 6)	H-46 (Note 7)	H-53 (Note 8)
Identity	Instructional - Task Control	50%			100%	100%	89%	47%	33%
Identity	Instructional - Task Limit Warning								
Inbound Heading	Lateral - Task Control	89%	78%		100%	100%	96%	74%	83%
Ships Course Ambiguity	Instructional - Task Control	61%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	89%	75%
Base Course Recovery	Instructional - Task Control	78%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	89%	83%
Pattern Orientation	Instructional - Task Control	78%	89%	71%	100%	100%	100%	79%	92%
	Lateral - Task Control - Error Magnitude								
Pattern Dimensions	Instructional - Task Control	78%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	92%
Relative Wind	Instructional - Task Control	83%	100%	86%	100%	100%	96%	89%	100%
	Lateral - Task Control - Error Magnitude								
Signal Delta Charlie	Instructional - Task Control	72%			100%	100%	100%	100%	83%
Range	Instructional - Task Control	88%	100%	100%	100%	100%	96%	84%	100%
Range Rate	Instructional - Task Control	88%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	94%	100%
Time-to-turn Milestone	Instructional - Task Control								
Deck Status	Instructional - Task Control	78%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	84%	90%
Ship Motion	Instructional - Task Control	33%	22%	29%			18%	5%	8%
VERTREP Load Data	Instructional - Task Control		22%	71%				5%	
Aircraft Separation	Instructional - Task Control								
Loading Zone Size & Shape	Instructional - Task Control								
Lateral Tracking Error	Lateral - Task Limit - Error Magnitude								
Approach Slope Tracking Error	Instructional - Task Control					100%			
Relative Altitude	Instructional - Safety Limit					100%			
Horizontal Reference	Warning					100%			
	Lateral - Speed/Long'l - Task Limit - Rate of Change					100%			
Close Rate	Speed/Long'l - Task Control - Error Magnitude					100%			

Note 1 - H-2 Operating from Combatants; Sample size 19 (See Figure 6-1 series)  
 Note 2 - H-46 Operating from Auxiliaries; Sample size 9 (See Figure 6-4 series)  
 Note 3 - H-46 Operating from Combatants; Sample size 7 (See Figure 6-5 series)  
 Note 4 - H-53 Operating from LPD's; Sample size 3 (See Figure 6-6 series)  
 Note 5 - H-53 MK 105 Sled; Sample Size 4 (See Figure 6-8 and 6-9 series)  
 Note 6 - UH-1/AH-1 Operating from LPH/LHA; Sample size 28 (See Figure 6-10 series)  
 Note 7 - H-46 Operating from LPH/LHA; Sample size 19 (See Figure 6-11 series)  
 Note 8 - H-53 Operating from LPH/LHA; Sample size 12 (See Figure 6-12 series)  
 Note 9 - H-1/H-46/H-53 Operating from LPH/LHA and Shore Bases; Sample size 52 (See Figures 6-13/14/15/16 series)

Figure 2-2. Helicopter Pilot Concurrence with Information Requirements -  
Homing, Orientation and Initial Approach Segments



2. Some pilots conducting VERTREP operations often fly an abbreviated approach pattern as compared with a normal landing and, thus, start to desire information, such as obstacle clearance, relative altitude, hover height, closure rate and wave-off information, during the initial approach segment rather than the final approach.

3. Some pilots landing on shore facilities desired information such as approach slope tracking error, obstacle clearance and relative altitude because they were concerned about contacting obstructions.

#### C. EVALUATION CRITERIA

In order to evaluate potential sources for homing, orientation and initial approach, some criteria had to be established with regard to the distance and altitude of the aircraft from the ship. For this reason two values were assigned. The first value pertains to the distance the helicopter pilot could be expected to fly to the ship without the assistance of navigational aids under EMCON conditions. The value selected for this condition was 3 miles and assumes that the pilot would execute a square search pattern if he does not initially locate the ship. The second value pertains to the distance the helicopter pilot could be expected to fly to the ship with the assistance of navigational aids. The value selected for this condition was assumed to be 1 mile.

Although the pilot normally commences the homing segment at an altitude of 400' to 500', it was assumed that under EMCON conditions the pilot would fly beneath whatever ceiling existed even if IFR conditions prevailed.

#### D. EVALUATION OF EXISTING SOURCES

The four sources of information considered essential in the homing, orientation and initial approach segments are rated in Figure 2-3 and discussed below:

1. Electronic Aids - including TACAN, radar and voice communications are strong sources of information for both identifying the ship and determining inbound heading, base course recovery and ships course.

Electronic aids were considered not applicable during EMCON conditions.

2. Homing Beacon - The existing homing beacon with 1,500 candelas provides a strong source at night with 7 mile visibility and, with electronic aids used to close within 1 mile of the ship, a strong source with 1 mile visibility. The homing beacon is not, however, visible during all other conditions. During the day, with 7 mile visibility, for example, the homing beacon cannot be seen even when the helicopter is within 1 mile of the ship. The situation is further complicated as the visibility minimums are reduced. The homing beacon was rated not applicable during IFR conditions with electronic aids because the pilot is flying instruments and not using any external visual sources.

REQUIREMENT			EVALUATION																			
INFORMATION	LEVEL/TYPE			LEVEL/TYPE																		
	LATERAL	LONG/SPD	VERTICAL	INSTRUCT	SOURCE	VFR						IFR										
						NORMAL 7 MI. VIS.			SPECIAL 1 MI. VIS.			NORMAL 1/2 MI. VIS.			EMERGENCY 300 FT. VIS.			NAVIGAND 700 FT. VIS.				
						DAY	EA	EA	DAY	EA	EA	DAY	EA	EA	DAY	EA	EA	DAY	EA	EA		
Identify			1	Homing Beacon	NV	1+	1+	NV	1+	NV	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA	E	
					View of Ship	1+	1+	1	1-	NV	1+	NV	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA
					Ships Wake	1+	1+	NV	1	NV	1+	NV	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA
					Electronic Aids	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+
Inbound Heading	1B				Homing Beacon	NV	1B+	1B+	X	NV	1B+	X	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA
					View of Ship	1B+	1B+	1B	1B-	NV	1B-	X	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA
					Ships Wake	1B+	1B+	NV	1B	NV	1B	X	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA
					Electronic Aids	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA
					Remaining VFR ratings are based on pilot having found ship and flying to it.																	
Base Recovery Course			1		View of Ship	1+	1+	1	1+	1+	1	1	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA
					Ships Wake	1+	1+	NV	1	NV	1	NV	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA
					Electronics Aids	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA
					Visual Signals*	NA	1	NA	1	NA	1	NA	1	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV
Ships Course Ambiguity			1		View of Ship	1+	1+	1-	1-	NV	1-	NV	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA
					Ships Wake	1+	1+	NV	1	NV	1	NV	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA
					Electronic Aids	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA
Pattern Orientation			1		Electronic Aids	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA
					Visual Signals*	NA	1	NA	1	NA	1	NA	1	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV	EA	E	NV

\* Visual signals are not currently used to provide this information.  
Not Applicable (NA); Not Visible (NV); Electronic Aids (EA); EMCON (E); strong source (+); weak source (-); very weak source (=); moderate source (blank)

Figure 2-3. Evaluation of Existing Information Sources for Helicopters -  
Homing, Orientation and Initial Approach Segments

REQUIREMENT												EVALUATION											
INFORMATION				LEVEL/TYPE			VFR						IFR										
				LATERAL	LONG./SPD	VERTICAL	NORMAL 7 MI. VIS.			SPECIAL 1 MI. VIS.			NORMAL 1/2 MI. VIS.			EMERGENCY 300 FT. VIS.			NAVIGLAND 700 FT. VIS.				
				INSTRUCT.			DAY	EA	NIGHT	DAY	EA	NIGHT	DAY	EA	NIGHT	DAY	EA	NIGHT	DAY	EA	NIGHT		
Pattern Dimension				1			1+	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	
							NA	1	NA	1	NA	1	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA
Relative Wind				1			1+	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	
							NA	1	NA	1	NA	1	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA
Signal Delta/Charlie				1			1+	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	
							NA	1	NA	1	NA	1	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA
Range				1			1+	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	
							1	1	1-	1	1-	1	1-	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA	NV
Range Rate				1			1+	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	
							NA	1	NA	1	NA	1	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA
Deck Status				1			1+	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	
							NA	1	NA	1	NA	1	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA
Ship Motion				1			1+	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	
							NA	1	NA	1	NA	1	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA	NV	NA

\* Visual signals are not currently used to provide this information.  
Not Applicable (NA); Not Visible (NV); Electronic Aids (EA); EMCON (E); strong source (+); weak source (-); very weak source (=); moderate source (blank)

Figure 2-3. Evaluation of Existing Information Sources for Helicopters -  
Homing, Orientation and Initial Approach Segments (continued)

3. View of Ship - The view of the ship provides a strong source during the day with 7 mile visibility. The source deteriorates to a weak source during the day with 1 mile visibility and was rated as not visible under EMCON since the pilot was, by definition, only able to fly within 3 miles of the ship and, therefore, could not see the ship with 1 mile visibility.

At night, the view of the ships navigational lights were rated as a strong source of identity information with 7 mile visibility and the aircraft 1 mile from the ship, and a moderate source with 7 mile visibility and the aircraft at 3 miles from the ship. With 1 mile visibility, however, the view of the ship at night was rated as a weak source at 1 mile and was, of course, not visible under EMCON with the aircraft at 3 miles from the ship.

During IFR conditions, the view of the ship was considered not applicable since the pilot was on instruments and due to the minimums (less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile visibility) would not see the ship when 1 mile away.

During EMCON conditions, the pilot is presumed to be only within 3 miles of the ship and would be unable to see the view of the ship with visibility minimums of  $\frac{1}{2}$  and less miles.

4. Ships Wake - Provides a strong source for identifying the ship during the day under 7 mile visibility and a moderate source during the day under 1 mile visibility. The ships wake is not visible under all other conditions.

#### E. DEFICIENCY

A summary of the most highly rated visual sources contained in Figure 2-3 are listed in Figure 2-4, excluding any form of electronic aid or visual signals. Based on an analysis of the summary data, the following conclusions can be drawn.

1. Under IFR conditions, the pilot can accomplish the homing, orientation and initial approach segments only with the use of electronic aids. Should the aids not be available or if the ship is operating under EMCON conditions the pilot can be, for the purposes of this study, considered under VFR conditions.
2. Except for VFR conditions with the visibility above 3 miles, the pilot is unable to acquire the ship and determine inbound heading.
3. The pilot may, after acquiring a ship, experience difficulty in differentiating the ships from other ships in the operating area.
4. No visual methods currently have been devised to communicate necessary data on base course recovery, ship course ambiguity, pattern orientation, pattern dimensions, relative wind, signal Delta/Charlie, range, range rate, deck status and ship motion under EMCON conditions.

INFORMATION REQUIREMENT	Information Provided													
	LEVEL/TYPE					Condition								
	LATERAL	LONG./SPD.	VERTICAL	AZIMUTH	INSTRUCT.	Day					Night			
						VFR		IFR			VFR		IFR	
						7 mi	1 mi	1/2 mi	700 ft	300 ft	7 mi	1 mi	1/2 mi	700 ft 300 ft
Identity *					1	1+	NV	NV	NV	NV	1+	NV	NV	NV
Inbound Heading *	1B					1B+	NV	NV	NV	NV	1B+	NV	NV	NV
Base Recovery Course *					1	1+	1	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV
Ship Course Ambiguity *					1	1+	1-	NV	NV	NV	1-	1-	NV	NV
Pattern Orientation *, **					1	1	1	NV	NV	NV	1	1	NV	NV
Pattern Dimensions *, **					1	1	1	NV	NV	NV	1	1	NV	NV
Relative Wind *, **					1	1	1	NV	NV	NV	1	1	NV	NV
Signal Delta/Charlie *					1	1	1	NV	NV	NV	1	1	NV	NV
Range *, **					1	1	1	NV	NV	NV	1-	1-	NV	NV
Range Rate *, **					1	1	1	NV	NV	NV	1	1	NV	NV
Time-to-turn Milestone														
Lateral Tracking Error														
Approach Slope Tracking Error														
Range Milestone														
Obstacle Clearance														
Relative Altitude														
Longitudinal Hover Position														
Lateral Hover Position														
Hover Azimuth Error														
Deck Status *					1	1	1	NV	NV	NV	1	1	NV	NV
Ship Motion *, **					1	1	1	NV	NV	NV	1	1	NV	NV
Wave off														
Horizontal Reference														
Hover Height														
Closure Rate Error														
Aircraft Flight Instruments														

\* Excludes use of Electronic Aids  
\*\* Visual signals are not currently  
used to provide this information

Not Visible - NV  
Strong source - +  
Moderate source - blank

Weak source - -  
Very weak source - =

Figure 2-4. Summary of Information Required Versus Information Provided  
for Helicopters - Homing, Orientation and Initial Approach Segments

## PART II. FINAL APPROACH

### A. SCENARIO

The final approach involves, for purposes of this study, pilot-controlled adjustments to flight direction, altitude and air speed which are necessary to maintain the desired flight path and speed relative to the terminal site. The segment terminates once the transition to hovering flight is undertaken. The final approach segment is the leg within which landing site facilities become the primary source of visual information for task control. There is a continuity of pilot tasks throughout this segment. Hence, it is treated as an entity; however, the transition from primarily flight-instrument-means to visual site reference warrants a subdivision of this segment. For this reason, the final approach segment is considered in two parts: Segment 4A -- the initial portion of the final approach commencing at about 3 miles and terminating at roughly 200 feet and  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile; and Segment 4B -- the close-in part of the final approach, commencing at  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile and terminating at the point when the transition to hover is begun.

For aircraft flying the "racetrack pattern", the final approach segment involves pilot-controlled adjustments to flight direction, altitude and speed to make the turn and descent to intercept the extension of the 45 degree "spike" on the designated landing spot, at which time the segment is terminated. The initial final approach includes all progress to the 45 degree position, and the close-in portion comprises the functions to the point at which the "spike" from the landing spot is intercepted.

### B. PILOT INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

A review of the data contained in Figure 2-5 indicates the information required by the pilots surveyed for the initial and final segments of the final approach. In reviewing the percentages derived, it appears that there is substantial agreement among all pilots in most of the information requirements. Pilots generally agreed that the following information was required:

1. Instructional task control data for determining base recovery course, relative wind and ship motion.
2. Instructional task control data during initial final approach and instructional safety limit warning data during final approach for determining range milestone, deck status and wave-off.
3. Approach slope tracking error, and lateral tracking error for determining rate of change and safety limit warning.
4. Closure rate error data for determining error magnitude.
5. Horizontal reference for determining error rate of change.

Information Requirements	Type	U.S. Navy At Sea				Marines At Sea		Marines of Sea & Shore
		H-2 (Note 1)	H-46 (Note 2)	H-46 (Note 3)	H-53 (Note 4)	UH-1/AH-1 (Note 5)	H-46 (Note 6)	H-53 (Note 7)
Base Recovery Course	Instructional - Task Control	95%			100%	11%/100%	100%	90%
Relative Wind	Instructional - Task Control	72%/70%	89%/88%	57%/71%	100%/100%	96%/96%	74%/84%	84%/72%
Lateral Tracking Error	Lateral - Task Limit Warning - Error Magnitude	100%/100%	100%/100%	100%/	100%/100%	100%/100%	100%/100%	74%/86%
Lateral Tracking Error	Lateral - Task Limit Warning - Rate of Change			100%				6%/
Approach Slope Tracking Error	Vertical - Safety Limit Warning - Error Magnitude	94%/	89%/	100%/	100%/	96%/	89%/	71%/
Approach Slope Tracking Error	Vertical - Safety Limit Warning - Rate of Change		100%	100%	100%	100%	95%	10%/86%
Range Milestone	Instructional - Task Control	89%	100%/	100%/	100%/	100%/	95%/	90%/
Range Milestone	Instructional - Task Limit Warning	90%	100%	100%	100%	96%	95%	86%
Deck Status	Instructional - Task Control	78%/75%	100%/	100%	100%/100%	100%/89%	58%/63%	90%/74%
Deck Status	Instructional - Safety Limit Warning		88%	100%				
Ship Motion	Instructional - Task Control	28%/35%						
Wave Off	Instructional - Task Control	83%/	100%/	86%	100%/	100%/	74%/	77%/
Wave Off	Instructional - Safety Limit Warning	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	90%
Horizontal Reference	Lateral - Speed Longitudinal - Task Control - Error Rate of Change	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	95%	86%
Closure Rate Error	Speed/Longitudinal - Task Control - Error Magnitude	89%/65%	78%/63%	71%/	100%/	100%/82%	68%/58%	71%/45%
Closure Rate Error	Speed/Longitudinal - Task Limit Warning - Error Magnitude			71%	100%			6%/14%

LEGEND:  
Segment 4A  
3 mi to 3 mi  
Segment 4B  
3 mi to Transition

Figure 2-5. Helicopter Pilot Concurrence with Information Requirements -  
Final Approach Segment

A few noteworthy exceptions are discussed below.

1. Base Recovery Course - A majority of the pilots indicated a need for base recovery course information during the final approach, presumably as a final up-date before transition to hover.
2. Range Milestone - A majority of the pilots indicated that a range milestone task limit warning was desired as they closed on the ship during the final approach.
3. Deck Status - H-46 pilots conducting VERTREP operations considered deck status information extremely important because of the difficulties in aborting the drop at the last second with an external load. In addition, the aircraft is sometimes already at maximum power and is not as maneuverable while carrying the load. Consequently, H-46 pilots indicated that they would rather make an extra trip around than take a wave-off during the hover.
4. Wave-Off - Pilots agreed they definitely wanted wave-off information before transitioning to hover.
5. Ship Motion - Information was mainly only of concern to H-2 pilots attempting to operate from combatants while conducting all-weather LAMPS operations.
6. Closure Rate - Some pilots indicated a need to obtain a task limit warning with regard to closure rate.

The number of pilots indicating a need for other types of data was, in most cases, less than 5% and attributed, in most part, to a lack of completely understanding the pilot information requirements matrix terminology. As with the homing, orientation and initial approach segments, however, many pilots operating to shore bases showed considerable concern with regard to contacting obstructions.

### C. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The deck scene (line-up lights, drop-line lights, extended line-up, floodlights, perimeter lights and marking) were not rated individually because data was not collected in sufficient detail to evaluate the cues provided by individual aids except in a general sense.

The PAR is recommended for shooting approaches in conditions of less than 1 mile visibility and 500 foot ceiling. Therefore, the TACAN, ASR and ADF were not rated in Figures 2-6 and 2-7 individually as providing any source of data at the  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile or less distance. Should the pilot not visually acquire the ship at a distance of  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, he is waved off. In addition, it should be noted that the PAR does not in itself provide required closure rate information because the closure rate has to be computed by measuring the current speed and distance the aircraft is from the ship and comparing that with the desired speed and distance.



#### D. EVALUATION OF EXISTING SOURCES

The six basic sources of information considered essential in the final approach segments are rated in Figures 2-6 and 2-7 and discussed below:

1. Electronic Aids - including TACAN, radar and voice communications were rated as a strong source in providing all required information. The electronic aids were considered not applicable, however, in EMCON conditions and were, therefore, excluded from the analysis summary.

2. Deck Status and Wave-Off Lights - the existing deck status and wave-off light systems provide a moderate source of deck status and wave-off information at night during the initial Final Approach Segment and VFR minimums. As the pilot closes to  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of the ship and commences the Close-In Segment, the deck status light becomes a strong source of deck status and wave-off information.

During day VFR conditions, it is questionable as to whether or not the deck status light can be readily seen during the initial final approach, although it was rated as a moderate source during the close in portion.

During IFR conditions, the deck status light is barely visible at night with  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile visibility and not visible at all under day  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, or day or night 300' and 700' minimums.

3. Wind Sock - Movements in the wind sock are hardly visible during the initial final approach and only provides a weak source of data during the close in portion whether it is day or night. Even when the wind sock is visible it is difficult to judge the amount of air flow through the sock since the ship is already steaming at 15 to 20+ knots. In addition, it provides an unreliable source of wind direction except when the pilot can view the wind sock from above at a close distance.

4. View of the Ship - The view of the ship hull and superstructure during the day and, homing beacon and deck lighting in relation to navigational lights at night, provide only marginal visual cues with regard to range milestone, lateral tracking error, approach slope tracking error and closure rate error. The pilot can compare the size of the ship and vertical and lateral position of the ship with respect to the aircraft's window although these cues provide more of a sense of error direction rather than error magnitude. This information comparison is, however, influenced significantly by the side slip and yaw of the aircraft. The source is generally not as good at night as it is during the day because fewer cues are provided. In addition, the ship cannot be seen at all during IFR conditions of 700' and 300' since the initial final approach commences at  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. The view of the ship, however, provides a strong source during the close in portion for ship motion assuming that some horizontal reference such as the view of the ocean is also within the field of view. Some of the pilots indicated that ship motion information would be beneficial during the initial final approach in order to adequately prepare themselves for the conditions at hand. The view of the ship during the close in portion provides a moderate source during the day and only a weak source at night.

	NIA	NIV	(E)	(+)	(-)	(=)	(blank)
Electronic Aids							
EMCON							
Source							
Very weak source							
Moderate source							
Blank							

**Figure 2-6. Evaluation of Existing Information Sources for Helicopters - Initial Final Approach Segment**

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Not Applicable (NA); Not Visible (NV); Electronic Aids (EA); EMCON (E); strong source (+); weak source (-); very weak source (=); moderate source (blank)

**Figure 2-6. Evaluation of Existing Information Sources for Helicopters -  
Initial Final Approach Segment (Continued)**

REQUIREMENT										EVALUATION													
LEVEL/TYPE					LEVEL/TYPE																		
INFORMATION	LATERAL	LONG/SPD	VERTICAL	AZIMUTH	INSTRUCT	SOURCE	VR						RR										
							NORMAL 7 MI. VIS.			SPECIAL 1 MI. VIS.			NORMAL 1/4 MI. VIS.			EMERGENCY 300 FT. VIS.			NAVYLAND 700 FT. VIS.				
							DAY	E	EA	DAY	E	EA	DAY	E	EA	DAY	E	EA	DAY	E	EA	DAY	E
Base Recovery Course					1	Voice Communications	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+
Relative Wind					1	Voice Communications	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+
						Wind Sock	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-
Lateral Tracking Error	28					PAR	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	28+	28+	28+	28+	28+	28+	28+	28+	28+
						Line-up Lights	1C-	1C-	1C	1C-	1C-	1C	1C	1C	1C-	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C
						Line-up Marking	1C	1C	NA	1C	1C	NA	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C
						Line-up Marking Floodlighted	NA	NA	1C-	NA	1C-	NA	1C-	1C-	1C-	1C-	1C-	1C-	1C-	1C-	1C-	1C-	1C-
						View of Ship	1B-	1B-	1A-	1A-	1B-	1B-	1A-	1A-	1B-	1B-	1A-	1A-	1A-	1A-	1A-	1A-	1A-
Approach Slope Tracking Error	3C					View of Ship	1B-	1B-	1A-	1A-	1B-	1B-	1A-	1A-	1B-	1B-	1A-	1A-	1A-	1A-	1A-	1A-	1A-
						PAR	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	28+	28+	28+	28+	28+	28+	28+	28+	28+
						GSI	2A	2A	2A+	2+	2A	2A	2A+	2A+	NV	2A-	2A-	2A-	2A-	2A-	2A-	2A-	2A-
Range Milestone					2	View of Ship	2-	2-	1	1	2-	2-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
						PAR	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2+	2+	2+	2+	2+	2+	2+	2+	2+
Deck Status					1	Voice Communications	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+
						Deck Status Light	1	1	1+	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
						Flag Hoist	1-	1-	NV	1-	1-	1-	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV
						LSE	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-
Ship Motion					1	View of Ship	1+	1	1	1	1+	1+	1	1	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-	1-

Not Applicable (NA): Not Visible (NV): Electronic Aids (EA): EMCON (E): strong source (+): weak source (-): very weak source (≡): moderate source (blank)

Not Applicable (NA); Not Visible (NV); Electronic Aid (EA); EMCON (E); strong source (+); weak source (-); very weak source (±); moderate source (blank)

Figure 2-7. Evaluation of Existing Information Sources for Helicopter -  
Close-In Final Approach Segment

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Figure 2-7. Evaluation of Existing Information Sources for Helicopter - Close-In Final Approach Segment (Continued)

5. Landing Line-up Markings and Lights - Landing line-up markings which are floodlit at night and landing lights including extended line-up and drop-line lights provide a poor source for lateral tracking error during the initial final approach but a moderate source as the helicopter closes on the ship during the close in portion. The marking and lights provide only task control information since the pilot does not receive, as desired, a specific visual indication when the task limit is reached. The pilot does, however, readily see if he is to one side or the other of the slot and does receive some indication of error rate of change as adjustments are made.

6. Glide Slope Indicator - Pilots indicated that they needed a task limit warning and error rate of change with regard to vertical approach slope tracking error. The glide slope indicator was evaluated as only providing task limit information since it fails to specifically indicate a warning such as a flashing light. In addition, the glide slope indicator was rated as only providing error direction information because error magnitude is not provided in a precise manner such as with a spectrum of red, green and amber light, to indicate when the aircraft is, for example, slightly below, moderately below, or extremely below the approach path. Some order of magnitude can be, however, perceived from the three sectors.

In terms of visual perception of the glide slope indicator, it is a strong source during the initial final approach at night with 7 mile visibility, but a weak source with 1 mile visibility. During the day VFR and day or night IFR condition, it cannot be seen. During the close in portion of the final approach the glide slope indicator is a strong source at night and a moderate source during the day under VFR conditions and can barely be perceived during IFR conditions.

#### E. DEFICIENCY

A summary of the most highly rated visual sources contained in Figures 2-6 and 2-7 are listed in Figures 2-8 and 2-9 excluding any form of electronic aids or visual signals.

1. Perception of Aids - Under IFR conditions, the existing aids are not visible during the initial final approach segment and only barely at the beginning of the close in portion. Therefore, the pilot must either rely on electronic aids or, in the case of EMCON, attempt to fly within visual range of the ship using the square search pattern.

Under VFR conditions of 7 miles visibility, the pilot can perceive the aids relatively well during the day or at night. Under VFR conditions with 1 mile visibility, however, the aids can only be perceived as a strong source as the pilot completes the initial final approach and commences the close in portion.

2. Range Milestone, Closure Rate Error and Ship Motion Information - is provided only by the view of the ship which is at best only satisfactory during the day and rated as a weak source at night. Without a good indication of distance from the ship, it is difficult to establish a range milestone, and thus adjust closure rate.

INFORMATION REQUIREMENT						Information Provided									
	LEVEL/TYPE					Condition									
	LATERAL	LONG./SPD.	VERTICAL	AZIMUTH	INSTRUMENT	Day					Night				
						VFR		IFR			VFR		IFR		
						7 mi	1 mi	1/2 mi	700 ft	300 ft	7 mi	1 mi	1/2 mi	700 ft	300 ft
Identity															
Inbound Heading															
Base Recovery Course															
Ship Course Ambiguity															
Pattern Orientation															
Pattern Dimensions															
Relative Wind Update **					1	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV
Signal Delta/Charlie															
Range															
Range Rate															
Time-to-turn Milestone															
Lateral Tracking Error	2B					1A	1A	NV	NV	NV	1A	1A	NV	NV	NV
Approach Slope Tracking Error			3B			NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	2A+	2A-	NV	NV	NV
Range Milestone					1	1	1	NV	NV	NV	1-	1-	NV	NV	NV
Obstacle Clearance															
Relative Altitude															
Longitudinal Hover Position															
Lateral Hover Position															
Hover Azimuth Error															
Deck Status *, **					1	1	1	NV	NV	NV	1+	1+	NV	NV	NV
Ship Motion **					1	1	1	NV	NV	NV	1-	1-	NV	NV	NV
Wave off					1	1	1	NV	NV	NV	1	1	N	NV	NV
Horizontal Reference															
Hover Height															
Closure Rate Error		1B				1A	1A	NV	NV	NV	1A=	1A=	NV	NV	NV
Aircraft Flight Instruments															

\* LSE Rating not included  
\*\* Voice Rating not included

Not Visible - NV  
Strong source - +  
Moderate source - blank

Weak source - -  
Very weak source - =

Figure 2-8. Summary of Information Required Versus Information Provided for Helicopters - Initial Final Approach Segment

INFORMATION REQUIREMENT	Information Provided													
	LEVEL/TYPE					Condition								
	LATERAL	LONG./SPD.	VERTICAL	AZIMUTH	INSTRUCT.	Day					Night			
						VFR		IFR			VFR		IFR	
						7 mi	1 mi	1/2 mi	700 ft	300 ft	7 mi	1 mi	1/2 mi	700 ft
						300 ft							300 ft	
Identity														
Inbound Heading														
Base Recovery Course **					1									
Ship Course Ambiguity														
Pattern Orientation														
Pattern Dimensions														
Relative Wind **					1	1-	1-	1-	NV	NV	1-	1-	1-	NV
Signal Delta/Charlie														
Range														
Range Rate														
Time-to-turn Milestone														
Lateral Tracking Error	2B					1C	1C	1C	NV	NV	1C	1C	1C	NV
Approach Slope Tracking Error		3C				2A	2A	NV	NV	NV	2A+	2A+	2A-	NV
Range Milestone					2	2-	2-	1-	NV	NV	1	1	1-	NV
Obstacle Clearance														
Relative Altitude														
Longitudinal Hover Position														
Lateral Hover Position														
Hover Azimuth Error														
Deck Status *, **					1	1	1	NV	NV	NV	1	1	1-	NV
Ship Motion					1	1+	1+	1-	NV	NV	1	1	1-	NV
Wave off *, **					3	3+	3	3-	NV	NV	3+	3+	3	NV
Horizontal Reference	1C	1C				1C+	1C	NV	NV	NV	1C-	1C=	NV	NV
Hover Height														
Closure Rate Error		1B				1B	1B	1A	NV	NV	1A-	1A-	NV	NV
Aircraft Flight Instruments														

\* LSE Rating not included  
\*\* Voice Rating not included

Not Visible - NV  
Strong source - +  
Moderate source - blank

Weak source - -  
Very weak source - =

Figure 2-9. Summary of Information Required Versus Information Provided for Helicopters - Close In Final Approach Segment



3. Line-up Markings and Lights - The line-up markings during the day and floodlit markings at night along with the line-up lights fail to provide a task limit warning, although as the pilot closes on the ship during the final  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, he is able to discern error rate of change.

4. Approach Slope Tracking Error - The glide slope indicator provides approach slope tracking information but fails to provide a precise indication of error magnitude or indication of error rate of change. In addition, the current intensity provides that it can only be seen during night VFR conditions while the pilot is commencing the final approach.

5. Deck Status and Wave-Off - Lights provide a good source for deck status and wave-off information, although neither can be seen in IFR conditions except during the final  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of the approach.

6. View of the Horizon - The view of the horizon depends on meteorological conditions. During times of high visibility the view of the horizon provides a strong source, whereas, during 7 miles visibility and less the horizon cannot be seen. The view of the ocean establishes, although, an artificial horizon at the extremities of the visibility. At night, however, the same effect may not be apparent due to the ceiling and light from the moon. It was generally concluded that during a day or night situation with  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile visibility and less the view of the ocean would be minimal. The view of the ship was not included as a source since it moves and only provides horizontal information in relationship to the ocean.

7. Visual Signals - The pilots also indicated the need to be apprised of any changes in base recovery course and relative wind. No aids or procedures have been developed for accomplishing this task visually.

### PART III. HOVER AND VERTICAL LANDING

#### A. SCENARIO

The hover segment begins once transition to hovering flight is undertaken, and includes translational flight to the point from which the VERTREP, HIFR, MK 105 SLED, RAST or vertical landing is commenced. During this segment, flight is conducted primarily by visual reference to the point of intended landing.

The vertical landing segment commences with the aircraft in hover over the touchdown point, and includes the vertical descent, touchdown and any recovery-assist and aircraft securing operations.

#### B. PILOT INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

A review of the data contained in Figure 2-10 indicates the percentage of pilots which concurred with the information requirements and ratings suggested in the survey. In reviewing the percentages derived, it appears that there is substantial agreement with regard to the need for:

Information Requirements	Type	Navy at Sea					Marlines at Sea			Marlines at Sea & Shore H-1/H-46/H-53 (Note 9)	
		H-2 (Note 1)	H-2/H-46 (Note 1A)	H-46 (Note 2)	H-46 (Note 3)	H-53 (Note 4)	H-53 (Note 5)	UH-1/AH-1 (Note 6)	H-46 (Note 7)		H-53 (Note 8)
Relative Wind	Lateral - Speed Long'l - Vertical - Azimuth Safety Limit Warning - Error Magnitude	95%/95%	100%/100%	100%/100%	86%/100%	100%	80%/ --	96%/100%	89%/89%	100%/100%	86%/90%
	Lateral - Task Limit Warning - Rate of Change	80%/ --	29%/67%	100%/ --	86%/ --	100%/ --	60%/ --	100%/ --	95%/ --	100%/ --	93%/ --
Obstacle Clearance	Lateral - Speed/Long'l - Vertical - Azimuth Safety Limit Warning - Error Magnitude	100%/100%	100%/100%	100%/100%	86%/100%	100%/100%	100%/ --	100%/100%	100%/100%	100%/92%	71%/71%
	Vertical - Safety Limit Warning - Rate of Change	70%/ --	29%/67%	78%/ --	100%/ --	100%/ --	60%/ --	100%/ --	100%/ --	100%/ --	71%/ --
Longitudinal Hover Position	Longitudinal - Task Limit Warning - Change In Error Rate of Change	50%/ --	29%/67%	100%/ --	86%/ --	100%/ --	60%/ --	100%/ --	95%/ --	82%/ --	82%/ --
	Longitudinal - Safety Limit Warning - Change In Error Rate of Change	25%/95%	43%/ --	-- /100%	-- /67%	-- /100%	20%/ --	-- /100%	-- /100%	-- /100%	-- /95%
Lateral Hover Position	Lateral - Task Limit Warning - Change In Error Rate of Change	50%/ --	29%/67%	100%/ --	86%/ --	100%/ --	60%/ --	100%/ --	89%/ --	82%/ --	82%/ --
	Lateral - Safety Limit Warning - Change In Error Rate of Change	25%/95%	43%/ --	-- /100%	-- /67%	-- /100%	20%/ --	-- /100%	-- /100%	-- /100%	-- /95%
Hover Azimuth Error	Azimuth - Task Control/Limit - Error Magnitude	85%/90%	29%/33%	67%/78%	71%/ --	100%/ --	100%/ --	100%/89%	84%/67%	64%/67%	86%/67%
	Azimuth - Safety Limit Warning - Rate of Change and Change of	55%/ --	-- / --	100%/ --	29%/ --	100%/ --	-- /100%	75%/ --	53%/ *	55%/ --	32%/ --
Deck Status	Instructional - Task Control	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	39%/ --
	Instructional - Task Limit Warning/Safety Limit Warning	100%/ --	71%/100%	100%/ --	100%/ --	100%/ --	100%/ --	-- / --	100%/ --	91%/ --	89%/ --
Ship Motion	Lateral - Speed/Long'l - Vertical Task Limit Warning - Rate of Change	--	70%	--	--	--	20%/ --	-- /100%	-- /83%	--	-- /86%
	Lateral - Speed Long'l - Vertical Task Limit Warning - Change In Error Rate of Change	100%/100%	71%/33%	-- /67%	57%/22%	100%/ --	60%/ --	100%/ --	100%/16%	91%/25%	93%/14%
Wave Off	Instructional - Task/Safety Limit Warning	85%/85%	71%/100%	100%/100%	100%/78%	100%/100%	100%	96%/96%	95%/94%	55%/75%	79%/90%
	Vertical - Task Control - Rate of Change	85%/ --	--	100%/ --	43%/ --	--	60%/ --	96%/ --	58%/ --	64%/ --	71%/ --
Horizontal Reference	Lateral - Speed/Long'l - Vertical Task Control/Limit - Change In Error Rate of Change	-- /55%	43%/33%	-- /100%	-- /100%	67%/34%	40%/ --	-- /93%	-- /67%	--	-- /86%
	Speed/Long'l - Task Limit Warning Error Magnitude	55%/ --	29%/66%	78%/ --	57%/ --	67%/24%	60%/ --	89%/ --	47%/ --	64%/ --	71%/ --
Hover Height	Speed Long'l - Safety Limit Warning Change In Error Rate of Change	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Speed Long'l - Safety Limit Warning Change In Error Rate of Change	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

\* Data Unavailable

LEGEND:  
Segment 5  
Segment 6  
Vertical Landing

Except for Note 1A

Note 1 - H-2 Operating from Combarrens, Sample Size 20 pilots Segments 5 and 6. (See Figure 6-1 series)  
Note 1A - H-2/H-46 HREF, Sample Size 4 and 3 pilots respectively, Segment 5 Only (See Figure 6-2/3 series)  
Note 2 - H-46 Operating from Auxiliaries, Sample Size 9 pilots Segments 5 and 6. (See Figure 6-4 series)  
Note 3 - H-46 Operating from Combarrens, Sample Size 7 pilots Segments 5 and 9 pilots Segment 6. (See Figure 6-4 series)  
Note 4 - H-46 Operating from LPD's, Sample Size 3 pilots Segments 5 and 6. (See Figure 6-5 series)  
Note 5 - H-53 Operating from LPD's, Sample Size 5 pilots Segment 5 only. (See Figure 6-7/8/9 series)  
Note 6 - UH-1/AH-1 Operating from LPV/LHA's, Sample Size 28 pilots Segments 5 and 6. (See Figure 10 series)  
Note 7 - H-46 Operating from LPV/LHA's, Sample Size 19 pilots Segment 5 and 18 pilots Segment 6. (See Figure 11 series)  
Note 8 - H-53 Operating from LPV/LHA's, Sample Size 11 pilots Segment 5 and 12 pilots Segment 6. (See Figure 12 series)  
Note 9 - H-1/H-46/H-53 Operating from LPV/LHA's and Shore Bases, Sample Size 28 pilots Segment 5 and 21 pilots Segment 6. (See Figures 13/14/15/16 series)

Figure 2-10. Helicopter Pilot Concurrence with Information Requirements -  
Hover and Vertical Landing Segments

1. Relative wind
2. Deck status and wave-off
3. Ship motion
4. Obstacle clearance
5. Lateral tracking error, relative altitude and closure rate during the hover segment
6. Longitudinal, lateral and azimuth hover error and hover height during the hover and vertical landing
7. Horizontal reference

A significant point, with regard to the above information, is the tendency on the part of the pilots to require practically the same information for hover and vertical landing except for increased levels and types of data for the vertical landing. Where, for example, pilots indicated a need for task control information during the hover segment, they would indicate a need for task control warning or, even, safety limit warning for the vertical landing segment. The pilots also indicated a similar preference in requesting error magnitude information during the hover segment but error rate of change or, even, change in error rate of change during the vertical landing segment. Other observations are discussed below:

1. Hover Azimuth Error - was particularly important for helicopters with tandem rotors.
2. Deck Status - H-46 VERTREP pilots seemed to be particularly concerned about deck status.
3. Hover Position Error - requirements were particularly important for VERTREP, HIFR and MK-105 SLED operations.

#### C. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The pilot was considered totally visual during these segments. Problems associated with perceiving cues in various meteorological conditions are nearly non-existent at this range, although sources were generally rated lower at night due to the difficulties in perceiving contrasting and reference information.

#### D. EVALUATION OF EXISTING SOURCES

The ten basic sources of information for the hover and vertical landing segments are rated in Figures 2-11 and 2-12 and discussed below:

1. Electronic Aids - such as TACAN and radar were not rated during this final phase since these segments are essentially visual even under the worst meteorological conditions.

Voice communications were rated but not, however, during the EMCON condition. It should be emphasized that voice communications are a strong source for obtaining information relative to wind, deck status and wave-off.

[illegible]

Not Applicable (NA); Not Visible (NV); Electronic Aids (EA); EMCON (E); strong source (+); weak source (-); very weak source (=); moderate source (blank)

**Figure 2-11. Evaluation of Existing Information Sources for Helicopters -  
Hover Segment**

[illegible]

Not Applicable (NA); Not Visible (NV); Electronic Aids (EA); EMCON (E); strong source (+); weak source (-); very weak source (=); moderate source (blank)

Figure 2-11. Evaluation of Existing Information Sources for Helicopters -  
Hover Segment (Continued)

REQUIREMENT				EVALUATION																					
INFORMATION	LEVEL/TYPE				SOURCE	VFR								IFR											
	LATERAL	LONG./SPD	VERTICAL	AZIMUTH		NORMAL 7 MI. VIS.				SPECIAL 1 MI. VIS.				NORMAL 1/2 MI. VIS.				EMERGENCY 300 FT. VIS.				NAVIGLAND 700 FT. VIS.			
						DAY		NIGHT		DAY		NIGHT		DAY		NIGHT		DAY		NIGHT		DAY		NIGHT	
						EA	E	EA	E	EA	E	EA	E	EA	E	EA	E	EA	E	EA	E	EA	E	EA	E
Relative Wind	3B	3B	3B	3B		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
						1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Obstacle Clearance	3B	3B	3B	3B		3A	3A	3A	3A	3A	3A	3A	3A	3A	3A	3A	3A	3A	3A	3A	3A	3A	3A	3A	
						2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	
						2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	
Longitudinal Hover Position Error					3D		2C+	2C	2C	2C+	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C+	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	
							3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	
Lateral Hover Position					3D		2C+	2C	2C	2C+	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C+	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	
							3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	3A+	
Hover Azimuth Error					1B		2C+	2C	2C	2C+	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C+	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	
							1A+	1A+	1A+	1A+	1A+	1A+	1A+	1A+	1A+	1A+	1A+	1A+	1A+	1A+	1A+	1A+	1A+	1A+	
Deck Status						1	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	NA	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	
							1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	
							1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
							1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	
Ship Motion					2D	2D	2C	2C	2C	2C+	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	
Horizontal Reference					1B	1B	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	

Not Applicable (NA); Not Visible (NV); Electronic Aids (EA); EMCON (E); strong source (+); weak source (-); very weak source (=); moderate source (blank)

Figure 2-12. Evaluation of Existing Information Sources for Helicopters -  
Vertical Landing Segment

Not Applicable (NA); Not Visible (NV); Electronic Aids (EA); EMCON (E); strong source (+); weak source (-); very weak source (=); moderate source (blank)

Figure 2-12. Evaluation of Existing Information Sources for Helicopters - Vertical Landing Segment (Continued)

2. View of the Ship - The view of the ship including the surfaces and markings during the day and the line-up, perimeter lights and floodlit surfaces at night provides the pilot with information for judging relative altitude, hover height, longitudinal hover position error, lateral hover position error, hover azimuth error, closure rate and ship motion. The source can generally be thought of as strong during the day but considerably weaker at night. Under IFR conditions, the view of the ship is visible during both segments except during the beginning of the hover segment when the helicopter is 600' - 700' from the ship and the visibility is 300'.

Although the source itself is, as indicated, fairly strong from a visual standpoint, it generally only provides a task limit warning information since it does not provide the pilot with any type of specific warning when he is too high/low or to either side of the desired approach. In addition, it generally provides an indication of error rate of change as the pilot maneuvers but not change in error rate of change.

3. View of Obstructions - The view of obstacles provides a strong source during the day and a lesser source at night when the obstacles are floodlit with overhead lights. As the pilot completes the hover and commences the vertical landing, he is unable to see the obstacles which he has cleared and focuses on any obstacles in front of the helicopter, such as the hangar. The view of the obstacles appears to give the pilot an indication of task limit warning and even error rate of change, although pilots indicated that a safety limit warning was necessary.

4. View of the Hangar Forward Structure - was also only rated as a task limit warning since the pilot does not receive a specific safety limit warning if he should become dangerously close to the hangar. It should be noted that the hangar forward structure provides important depth perception to the pilot as a part of the view of the ship.

5. Line-up Markings and Lights - Although already discussed in those sources described under view of the ship, are also described here due to their importance. It should be noted that the cues received from these sources are adequate while approaching the ship but are not visible as the pilot hovers over the landing area except for the landing area except for the extended line-up lights and some of the perimeter lights.

6. Wave-Off Deck Status Lights - Both light systems provide a strong source of instruction information. They can be readily seen except during the beginning of the hover segment with 300' visibility providing an instantaneous safety limit warning.

7. Flag Hoist - The flag hoist is also a source of deck status information, though not as strong a source or as instantaneous as the deck status light. The flag is not, in many cases, within the visual scan of the pilot.

8. Horizon and Sense of Horizon - As discussed in the final approach segment, horizontal reference, such as a view of the ocean, is dependent on meteorological conditions. It should also be noted that pilots indicated that only error magnitude as opposed to error rate of change requested during the final approach was required. It is suspected that this differ-



ence in rating is somewhat erroneous in that the pilot would like an indication of error rate of change but has, during the hover and vertical landing segments, started to concentrate solely on the ship. The view of the horizon was rated as a strong source during day VFR but a lesser source during IFR.

9. Wind Sock - As indicated during the final approach segment, the wind sock is not a very accurate method of providing relative wind, particularly on a moving ship. It is difficult to observe small changes in the wind sock direction and extremely difficult, if not impossible, to sense wind speed.

10. Landing Signalman Enlisted - The LSE is a primary source of information during day and night operations for the hover and landing segments. He is capable of providing lateral tracking error, obstacle clearance, relative altitude, longitudinal hover position error, lateral hover position error, hover azimuth error, deck status, wave-off and hover height information, although quite often not the type of information required. The LSE can provide a task safety limit warning by indicating a wave-off if he thinks the pilot is too low/high, to the side, or close to an obstruction. In this sense, the LSE is an excellent source of data. The LSE is, however, limited to providing only error direction and, depending on the LSE, some sense of error magnitude by the movement of his hands.

#### E. DEFICIENCY

A summary of the most highly rated visual sources contained in Figures 2-11 and 2-12 are listed in Figure 2-13 for the hover segment and Figure 2-14 for the vertical landing segment. The summary excludes electronic aids which could not be used under EMCON and visual signals which are not heavily relied upon by some helicopter pilots.

1. Perception of Aids - Under IFR conditions, VLA's are visible during the hover segment commencing at 600' to 700' from the ship except for 300' visibility. In this situation, the pilot must continue to rely on electronic aids or, in the case of EMCON, attempt to fly within visual range of the ship using the square search pattern.

Under VFR conditions of 7 mile or 1 mile visibility, the pilot perceives strong cues during the day and moderate cues at night.

2. Relative Wind - Aside from voice communication, the only indication of relative wind comes from the wind sock which is not visible during the commencement of the hover segment under 300' visibility or, at best, a poor source under even favorable conditions. Furthermore, there is no reasonable visual indication of wind measurement even if ship meteorological equipment is employed. Wind measurement equipment is usually installed on the superstructure which does not provide, according to NWP-42, a reliable source of data for the condition which is occurring on the flight deck. It is also questionable as to how a real time readout would help the pilot since he is likely to feel the effect at the controls as quickly or even more quickly than the equipment could measure a sudden gust of wind.

INFORMATION REQUIREMENT	Information Provided													
	LEVEL/TYPE					Condition								
	LATERAL	LONG./SPD.	VERTICAL	AZIMUTH	INSTRUCT.	Day					Night			
						VFR		IFR			VFR		IFR	
						7 mi	1 mi	1/2 mi	700 ft	300 ft	7 mi	1 mi	1/2 mi	700 ft 300 ft
Identity														
Inbound Heading														
Base Recovery Course														
Ship Course Ambiguity														
Pattern Orientation														
Pattern Dimensions														
Relative Wind **	3B	3B	3B	3B		1	1	1	1-	NV	1	1	1	1- NV
Signal Delta/Charlie														
Range														
Range Rate														
Time-to-turn Milestone														
Lateral Tracking Error *	2C					2C+	2C+	2C	2C	NV	2C	2C	2C	NV NV
Approach Slope Tracking Error														
Range Milestone														
Obstacle Clearance *	3B	3B	3B	3B		2C+	2C+	2C+	2C-	NV	2C-	2C-	2C-	2C- NV
Relative Altitude *			3C			2B+	2B+	2B+	2B-	NV	2B	2B	2B	2B- NV
Longitudinal Hover Position *		2D				2C+	2C+	2C+	2C+	NV	2C	2C	2C	2C NV
Lateral Hover Position *	2D					2C+	2C+	2C+	2C+	NV	2C	2C	2C	2C NV
Hover Azimuth Error *				1B		2C+	2C+	2C+	2C+	NV	2C	2C	2C	2C NV
Deck Status *					1	1+	1+	1+	1+	NV	1+	1+	1+	1+ NV
Ship Motion *, **	2C	2C	2C			2C+	2C+	2C+	2C+	NV	2C	2C	2C	2C NV
Wave off *, **					3	3+	3+	3+	3+	NV	3+	3+	3+	3+ NV
Horizontal Reference	1B	1B	1B			1C+	1C-	1C-	1C-	NV	1C-	1C=	1C=	1C= NV
Hover Height *			1C			1C+	1C+	1C	1C	NV	1C-	1C-	1C-	1C- NV
Closure Rate Error		2B				1B	1B	1A	1A	NV	1A-	1A-	1A-	1A- NV
Aircraft Flight Instruments														

\* LSE Rating not included  
 \*\* Voice Rating not included

Not Visible - NV  
 Strong source - +  
 Moderate source - blank

Weak source - -  
 Very weak source - =

Figure 2-13. Summary of Information Required Versus Information Provided  
 for Helicopters - Hover Segment

INFORMATION REQUIREMENT	Information Provided														
	LEVEL/TYPER					Condition									
	LATERAL	LONG./SPD.	VERTICAL	AZIMUTH	INSTRUCT.	Day					Night				
						VFR		IFR			VFR		IFR		
						7 mi	1 mi	1/2 mi	700 ft	300 ft	7 mi	1 mi	1/2 mi	700 ft	300 ft
Identity															
Inbound Heading															
Base Recovery Course															
Ship Course Ambiguity															
Pattern Orientation															
Pattern Dimensions															
Relative Wind **	3B	3B	3B	3B		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Signal Delta/Charlie															
Range															
Range Rate															
Time-to-turn Milestone															
Lateral Tracking Error															
Approach Slope Tracking Error															
Range Milestone															
Obstacle Clearance *	3B	3B	3B	3B		2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C
Relative Altitude															
Longitudinal Hover Position *		3D				2C+	2C+	2C+	2C+	2C+	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C
Lateral Hover Position *	3D					2C+	2C+	2C+	2C+	2C+	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C
Hover Azimuth Error *				1B		2C+	2C+	2C+	2C+	2C+	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C
Deck Status **					1	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+
Ship Motion	2D	2D	2D			2C+	2C+	2C+	2C+	2C+	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C
Wave off *, **					3	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+
Horizontal Reference	1B	1B	1B			1C+	1C-	1C-	1C-	1C-	1C-	1C-	1C-	1C-	1C-
Hover Height *	1D					1C+	1C+	1C	1C	1C	1C-	1C-	1C-	1C-	1C-
Closure Rate Error															
Aircraft Flight Instruments															

\* LSE Rating not included

\*\* Voice Rating not included

Not Visible - NV

Strong source - +

Moderate source - blank

Weak source - -

Very weak source - =

Figure 2-14. Summary of Information Required Versus Information Provided for Helicopters - Vertical Landing Segment

3. Lateral Tracking Error, Relative Altitude and Closure Rate - Line-up markings and lights including extended line-up lights and drop-line lights provide a satisfactory source of lateral tracking error, except for providing a specific type of warning if the pilot strays too far to port or starboard of the desired path. As the pilot comes into a hover over the landing area, however, he loses site of most of the line-up display.

The view of the ship fails to provide the level of information desired by pilots with regard to both relative altitude and closure rate. The view of the ship is even less satisfactory at night.

4. Longitudinal Hover Position, Lateral Tracking Position, Hover Azimuth Error, and Hover Height - The line-up markings and lights including the extended line-up and drop-line lights provide satisfactory hover azimuth error. However, the markings and lights only provide a sense of error rate of change as opposed to the change in error rate of change desired for lateral and longitudinal hover position. Consequently, the pilot must watch to see the error, wait to see the amount of change and watch to see the extent of change in rate of change. As a result of this situation, it appears that a more instantaneous method is required. With regard to hover height, it appears that the level of information desired increases as the pilot moves into the vertical landing segment, although the existing sources only provide a degree of error rate of change.

5. Obstacle Clearance - The view of obstacles themselves provides at best a task limit warning but not the desired safety limit warning. No device currently warns the pilot of an impending collision with an obstruction. It is assumed that as a part of the marking criteria that if the pilot hovers correctly he will not contact any obstacles. Following that same logic, if more cues were provided with regard to following the ideal flight path and realizing errors, the less likelihood of contacting obstructions.

6. Deck Status and Wave-off - It appears that the deck status light and wave-off lights more than adequately provide the necessary instructional data to the pilot provided they are installed in a location where they can be readily observed.

7. Ship Motion and Horizontal Reference - The view of the ship both during the day and at night provide a satisfactory source of ship motion information until the vertical landing segment when the pilot attempts to sense the actual motions and nulls. In this situation, the pilot desires change of rate of change information but only received rate of change information. Although the horizontal reference provided by the ocean is a strong source during the day, it becomes a weak source during the night and even a weaker source as meteorological conditions approach minimums. Additional horizontal reference information is, therefore, needed.

### SECTION III - AV-8A ANALYSIS

Current AV-8A procedures identify four methods of take-off and landing - Vertical Take-off and Vertical Landing, Rolling Vertical Take-off and Rolling Vertical Landing, Short Take-off and Slow Landing, and Conventional Take-off and Conventional Landing. For the purpose of this study, only the more demanding vertical landing operations from forward sites and shipboard platforms are considered.

Typical landing patterns are shown for shorebased VFR (Figure 3-1), for shipboard VFR (Figure 3-2), and for shipboard night IFR (Figure 3-3). As with the analysis contained in the previous section on helicopters, this section is also divided into three parts. The first part addresses the homing, orientation and initial approach and involves visual aids which are visible at long-range. The second part deals with the final approach and requires visual aids which are visible at a moderate range of about 2 to 3 miles. The third part examines the hover and vertical landing and involves visual aids which provide the close-in cues. The analysis conducted in each part begins with a scenario of the operation, the pilot information requirements, evaluation criteria, evaluation of existing sources of information, and the identification of deficiencies.

It should be noted that, unlike the helicopter flight scenario, the AV-8 operation is heavily dependent on navigational aids and voice communications. Further, because of the degree of precision required, LSO techniques, visual aids and radar control are employed during shipboard operations to reduce pilot workload to a reasonable level.

#### PART I. HOMING, ORIENTATION AND INITIAL APPROACH

##### A. SCENARIO

The homing, orientation, and initial approach segments are generally defined as follows:

- The homing segment includes the progress to any point from which the pilot undertakes a course to overfly the forward site or ship, or reach the marshalling position. The marshalling position is a point in space established relative to the ship from approach procedures such as those using TACAN or radar services, are commenced. In the instance of IFR, the marshall point is established approximately 15 miles from the ship.

- The orientation segment includes the pass of the forward site or ship and the turn to the down wind leg or any holding or Delta patterns prescribed for control of the aircraft awaiting clearance for an approach. For tactical sites, it is recommended that a clearing/identification pass be made at approximately 250 knots, 1000 feet, into the wind, and off to one side of the site for ease in viewing the landing zone and surrounding area. The pilot is to look for visual cues such as openings in trees and try to become aware of all of the

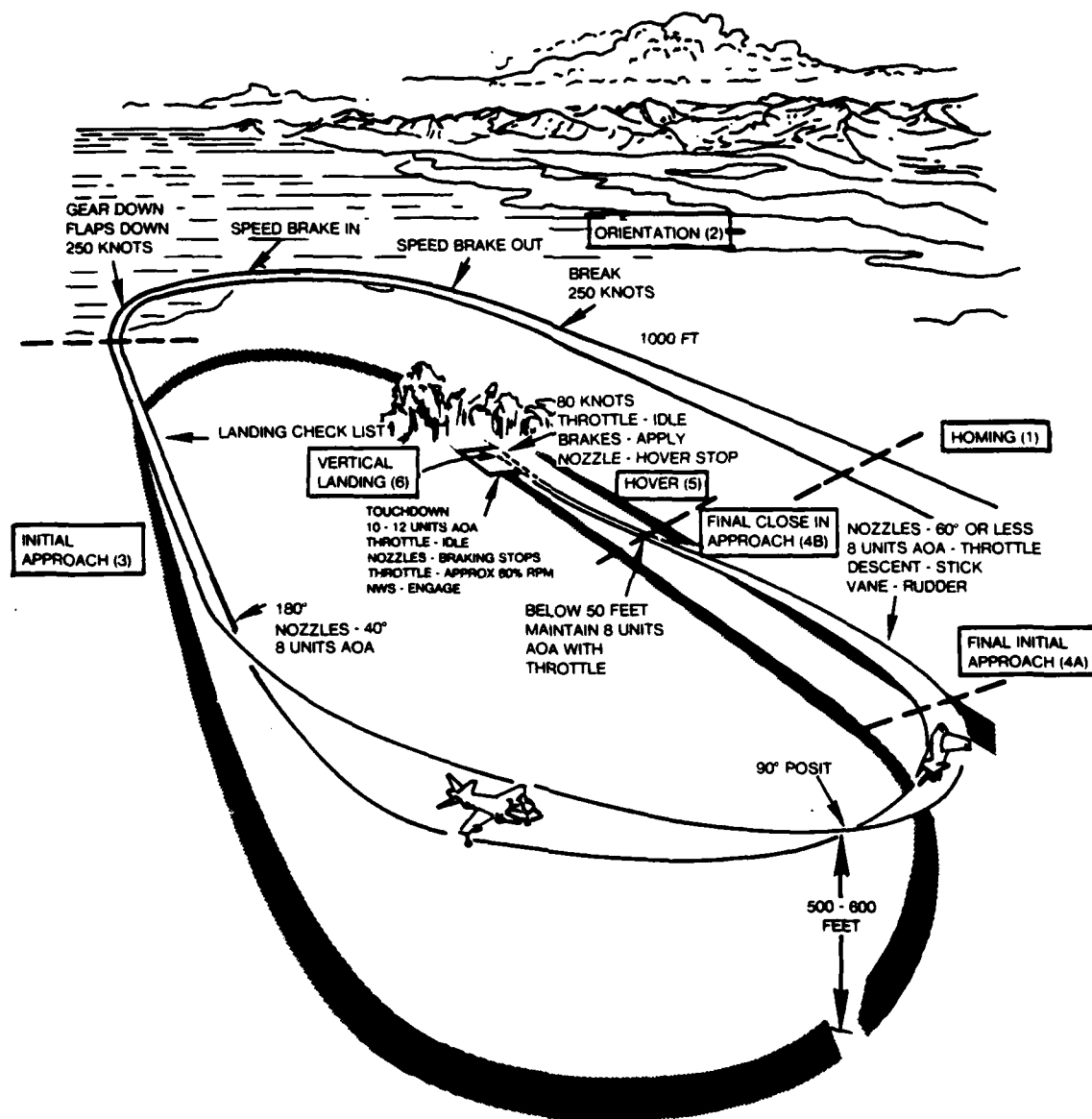


Figure 3-1. Typical Tactical Site VFR Landing Pattern for AV-8A

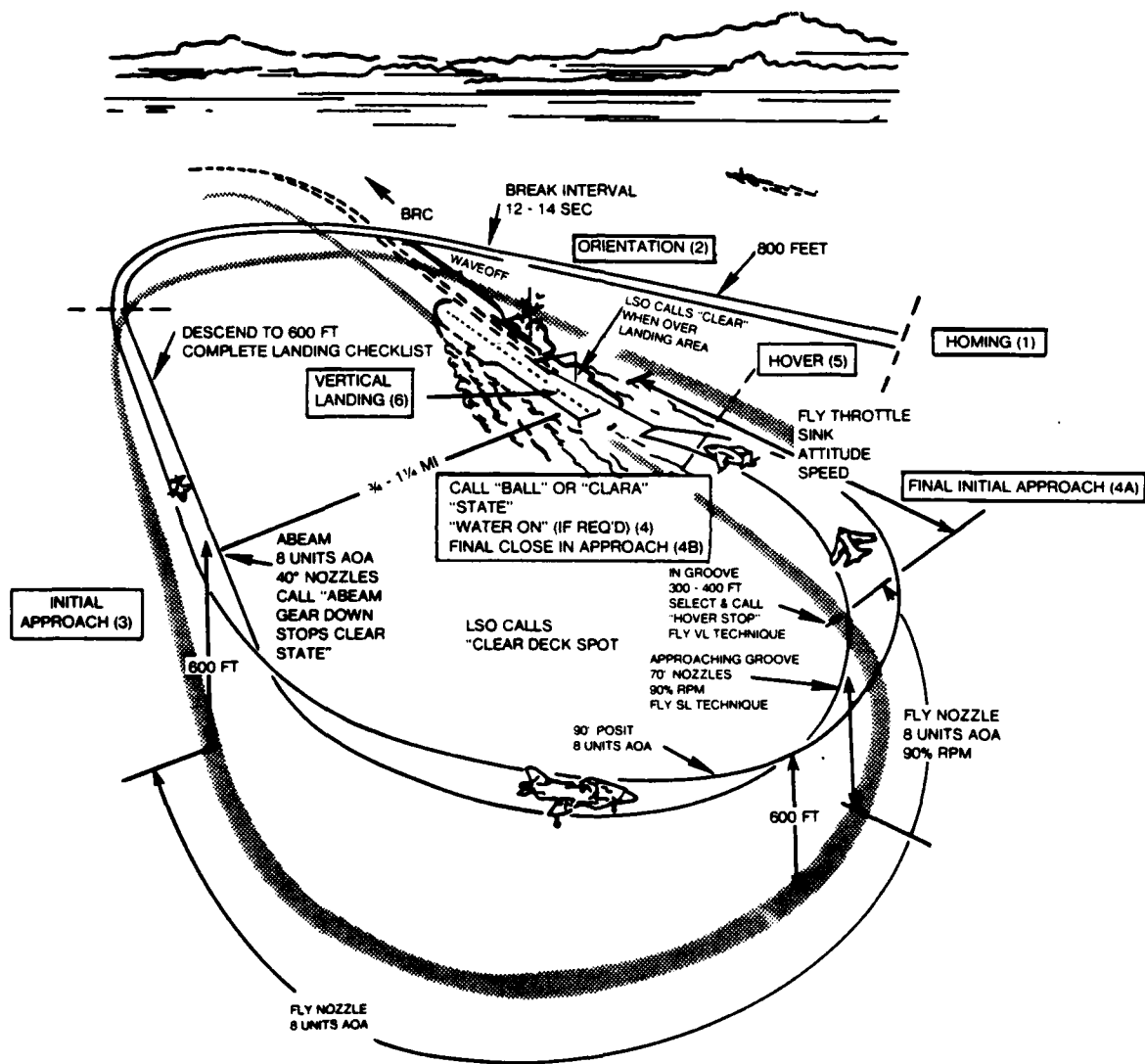


Figure 3-2. Typical Ship VFR Landing Pattern for AV-8A

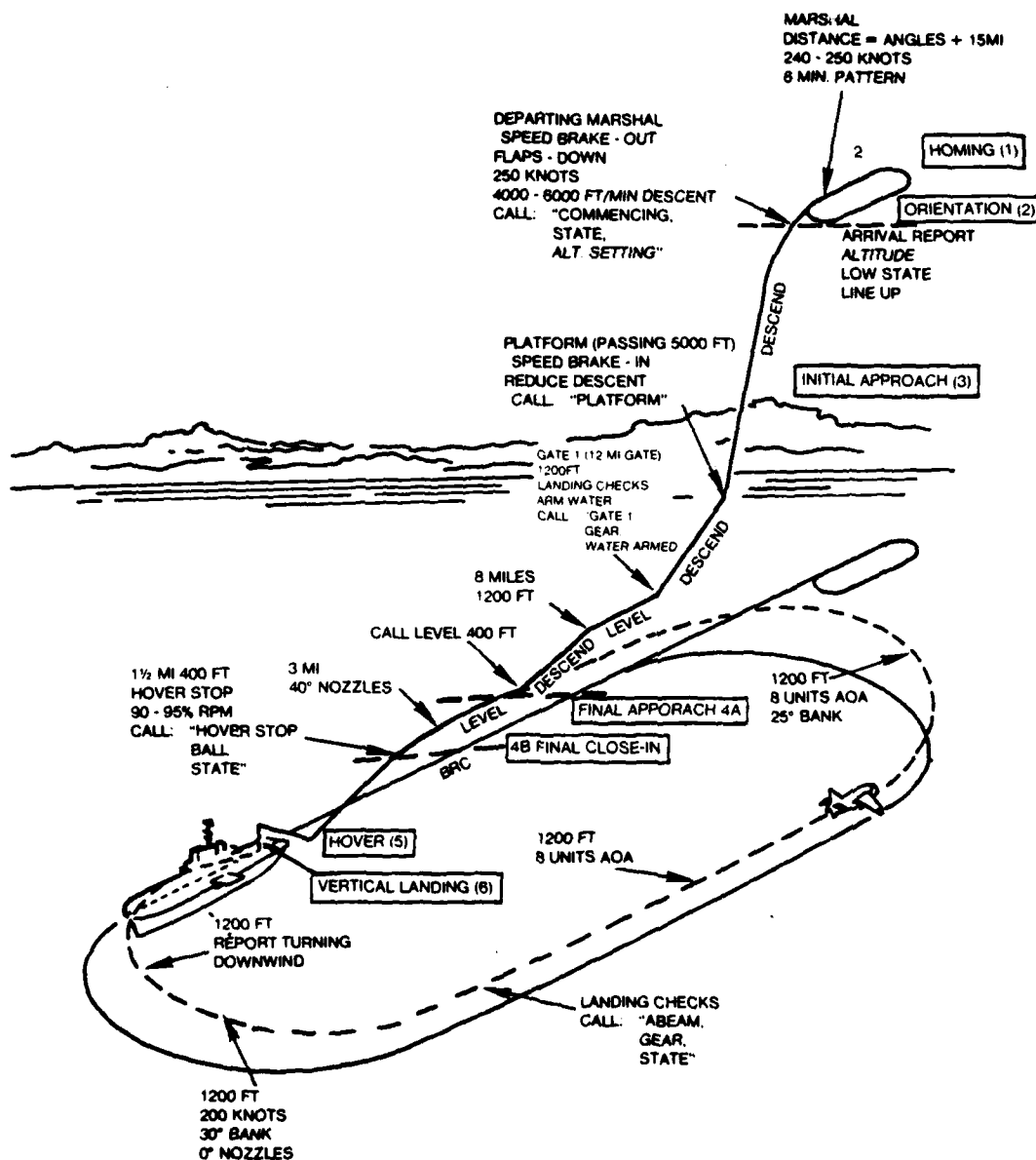


Figure 3-3. Typical Ship IFR Landing Pattern for AV-8A



predominant landmarks surrounding the zone. At approximately 5 to 10 seconds beyond the site, a turn crosswind is commenced in order to keep the zone in sight and adjust the angle of bank so as to arrive at a proper abeam position. The turn to the down wind leg is flown at a constant altitude of 1000 feet and at a constant airspeed to keep pilot workload down. For the ship, it is recommended that the pass under VFR be made at approximately 800 feet altitude with a break interval at 12 - 14 seconds. During night IFR, a 6 minute pattern is flown at 240 to 250 knots.

- The initial approach segment for VFR includes the down wind leg, and final turn and terminates upon completion of adjustments to the direction of flight, altitude and air speed necessary for established final approach conditions. The down wind leg of the pattern for tactical sites is flown at 1000 feet and is used to complete the landing checklist and re-acquire visual contact with the landing area and pre-selected visual cues. The down wind leg of the pattern for ship VFR conditions involves flying abeam  $3/4$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles, completing the landing checklist and descending to 600 feet. The initial approach segment for IFR begins upon departure from the marshalling position at 4000 to 6000 feet per minute descent while maintaining 250 knots. The descent rate is reduced further at platform (5000 feet) until level off at 800 feet and 12 miles. Following departure from platform, the descent rate is progressively reduced so as not to exceed passing altitude in feet per minute. The initial approach is terminated as descent to 400 feet is completed and the aircraft is leveled.

## B. PILOT INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

The data contained in Figure 3-4 for the homing orientation and initial approach segment indicates the percentage of AV-8A Marine pilots which concur with the information requirements suggested in the survey. In reviewing the percentages, it appears that there is substantial agreement among the pilots with regard to the need of:

1. Identity and inbound heading information to locate the ship/tactical site.
2. Ships course ambiguity, base course recovery, pattern orientation, pattern dimensions, and signal Delta/Charlie information to determine the correct orientation to the ship/tactical site.
3. Range and range rate information to determine the point at which to start the initial approach.
4. Deck/tactical site status, relative wind, ship motion and density altitude information to determine the situation at the landing site.

A few noteworthy remarks follow:

1. Information for identity, inbound heading, and ships course ambiguity information is not required during the orientation and initial approach segments since it had already been established during the homing segment.

Information Requirements	Type	AV-8A	
		Sea (Note 1)	Shore (Note 2)
Identify	Instructional - Safety Limit Warning	80%	80%
Inbound Heading	Lateral - Task Control	100%	80%*
Base Recovery Course	Instructional - Task Control	80%*	80%
Ships Course Ambiguity	Instructional - Task Control	100%	100%*,**
Pattern Orientation/Dimensions	Instructional - Task Control	80%*	80%*
Relative Wind	Instructional - Task Control	100%*	80%*
Signal Delta/Charlie	Instructional - Task Limit Warning	100%*	100%*
Range	Instructional - Task Control	100%	100%
Range Rate	Instructional - Task Control	100%	100%
Deck/Tactical Site Status	Instructional - Task Control	100%*	100%*,**
Time-to-Turn Milestone	Instructional - Task Control	100%*	100%*
Density Altitude	Instructional - Task Limit Warning	80%*	60%*

Note 1 - AV-8A Marines to LPH/LHA - Sample Size 5 pilots (See Figure 6-17 series)

Note 2 - AV-8A Marines to Shore - Sample Size 5 pilots (See Figure 6-18 series)

\* Percentage of agreement varied for segments 1, 2 and 3 - Maximum agreement indicated

\*\* Pilots indicate shipboard requirement although data requested was for landbased only

Figure 3-4. AV-8A Pilot Concurrence with Information Requirements -  
Homing, Orientation and Initial Approach Segments

2. Pilots operating to tactical sites desired information such as obstacle clearance and relative altitude because of their particular concern of contacting obstructions.

3. The requirement for density altitude was added to the survey forms by a majority of the AV-8A pilots.

#### C. EVALUATION CRITERIA

In order to evaluate potential sources for homing, orientation and initial approach, some criteria had to be established with regard to the distance and altitude of the aircraft from the ship.

Unlike the helicopter evaluation criteria developed in Section II, AV-8A operational procedures are based on the use of electronic aids such as TACAN, voice communications and radar approach during IFR conditions. Therefore, all visual sources were considered not applicable during these segments because the pilot would not have visually acquired either the ship or tactical site.

#### D. EVALUATION OF EXISTING SOURCES

The five basic sources of information evaluated in Figure 3-5 for the homing, orientation and initial approach segments are discussed below:

1. Electronic Aids - including TACAN, radar and voice communications are strong sources of information for both identifying the ship/field and determining inbound heading, base course recovery and ships course/field position.

2. Homing Beacon - The existing homing beacon with 1,500 candelas provides a strong source at night assuming a visibility of 7 miles and, with electronics aids used to close within 1 mile of the ship, a strong source with only 1 mile visibility. The homing beacon is not, however, visible during all other conditions. During the day, with 7 mile visibility, for example, the homing beacon cannot be seen even when the aircraft is within 1 mile of the ship. This situation is further complicated as the visibility minimums are reduced. The homing beacon was rated not applicable during IFR conditions with electronic aids because the pilot is flying instruments and not using any external visual sources.

3. View of Ship - The view of the ship provides a strong source during the day with good visibility. At night, the view of the ships navigational lights or tactical site lights was rated as a strong to moderate source of identity information. During IFR conditions, the view of the ship or tactical site was considered not applicable because the pilot is on instruments.

4. Ships Wake - Provides a strong source for identifying the ship during the day under 7 mile visibility and a moderate source during the day under 1 mile visibility.

REQUIREMENT						EVALUATION																	
INFORMATION						LEVEL/TITLE						LEVEL/TITLE											
						SOURCE						SHIPBOARD						SHOREBASED					
												VFR			IFR			VFR			IFR		
						DAY	NIGHT	DAY	NIGHT	DAY	NIGHT	DAY	NIGHT	DAY	NIGHT								
Identify						Homing Beacon/ View of Ship/Field Ships Wake Electronic Aids	NV 1+ 1+ 3+	1+ 1 NV 3+	NA NA NA 3+	NA NA NA 3+	NV 1+ NA 3+	1+ 1 NA 3+	NA NA NA 3+	1+ 1 NA 3+	NA NA NA 3+	NA NA NA 3+							
Inboard Heading						Homing Beacon View of Ship/Field Ships Wake Electronic Aids	NV 1+ 1+ 1+	1+ 1 NV 1+	NA NA NA 1+	NA NA NA 1+	NV 1+ NA 1+	1+ 1 NA 1+	NA NA NA 1+	1+ 1 NA 1+	NA NA NA 1+	NA NA NA 1+							
Remaining VFR ratings are based on the pilot having found the ship																							
Base Recovery Course						View of Ship/Field Ships Wake Electronic Aids	1+ 1+ 1+	1 NV 1+	NA NA 1+	NA NA 1+	1+ 1+ 1+	1 1 1+	NA NA 1+	1 1 1+	NA NA 1+	NA NA 1+							
Ship Course/Field Ambiguity						View of Ship/Field Ships Wake Electronic Aids	1+ 1+ 1+	1 NV 1+	NA NA 1+	NA NA 1+	1+ 1+ 1+	1 NA 1+	NA NA 1+	1 NA 1+	NA NA 1+	NA NA 1+							
Pattern Orientation						Electronic Aids	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+							
Pattern Dimensions						Electronic Aids	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+							
Relative Wind						Electronic Aids	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+							

Not Applicable (NA); Not Visible (NV); strong source (+); weak source (-); very weak source (-); moderate source (blank)

Figure 3-5. Evaluation of Existing Information Sources for AV-8A -  
Homing, Orientation and Initial Approach Segments

Not Applicable (NA) Not Visible (NV): strong source (+); weak source (-); very weak source (=); moderate source (blank)

**Figure 3-5. Evaluation of Existing Information Sources for AV-8A - Homing, Orientation and Initial Approach Segments (continued)**

5. Visual Signals - provide a strong source at night and a moderate source during the day in the case of EMCON or lost communications. The signals are described in NWP-63-1 and include; BINGO, add power, CHARLIE, DELTA, closed ship, do not land, lower wheels, lower flaps, jettison disposable fuel tank and jettison ordnance.

Another source of information, although not a visual source, is the pre-flight briefing and the standard procedures already contained in NWP-63-1 regarding standard patterns orientation, pattern dimensions, and time to turn milestones.

#### E. DEFICIENCY

A summary of the most highly rated visual sources contained in Figure 3-5 are listed in Figure 3-6, excluding any form of electronic aid or visual signals. Based on an analysis of the data, the following conclusions are drawn.

1. Under IFR conditions, the pilot can accomplish the homing, orientation and initial approach segments only with the use of electronic aids. Should the aids not be available, or if the ship is operating under EMCON conditions, the pilot can be, for the purposes of this study, considered under VFR conditions. In this situation, the pilot must navigate by dead reckoning to the best position and then fix appropriate triangles.

2. Except for VFR conditions with the visibility above 3 miles, the pilot is unable to acquire the ship and determine inbound heading.

3. The pilot may, after acquiring a ship, experience difficulty in differentiating the ships from other ships in the operating area.

4. Current signals do not allow for visual communication of data on base course recovery, ship course ambiguity, pattern orientation, pattern dimensions, relative wind, range, range rate.

### PART II. FINAL APPROACH

#### A. SCENARIO

The final approach involves, for purpose of this study, pilot-controlled adjustments to flight direction, altitude and air speed which are necessary to maintain the desired flight path and speed relative to ship or tactical site. The segment terminates once the transition to hovering flight is undertaken. The final approach segment is, therefore, the leg within which landing site facilities become the primary source of visual information for task control. There is a continuity of pilot tasks throughout this segment. Although it is treated as an entity, the transition from primarily flight-instrument-means to visual site reference warranted a subdivision of the segment. For this reason, the final approach segment is considered in two parts: Segment 4A -- the initial portion of the final approach for VFR commences as the aircraft is in the groove at approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the landing area at an altitude of 300 to 400 feet. The initial approach segment for IFR conditions assumes

Information Required	Information Provided												
	LEVEL/TYPE					Condition							
	LATERAL	LONG./SPD.	VERTICAL	AZIMUTH	INSTRUCT.	Day				Night			
						Shipboard		Shorebased		Shipboard		Shorebased	
						VFR	IFR	VFR	IFR	VFR	IFR	VFR	IFR
Identity*					3	1+	--	1+	--	1+	--	1+	--
Inbound Heading*	1					1+	--	1+	--	1+	--	1+	--
Base Recovery Course*					1	1+	--	1+	--	1	--	1	--
Ship Course Ambiguity*					1	1+	--	1+	--	1	--	1	--
Pattern Orientation*					1		--		--		--		--
Pattern Dimensions*					1		--		--		--		--
Relative Wind*					1		--		--		--		--
Signal Delta/Charlie*					2	2-	--		--	2	--		--
Range*					1	1	--	1	--	1-	--	1-	--
Range Rate*					1	1	--	1	--	1-	--	1-	--
Time-to-turn Milestone*					1	1+	--	1+	--	1	--	1	--
Lateral Tracking Error													
Approach Slope Tracking Error													
Range Milestone													
Obstacle Clearance													
Relative Altitude													
Longitudinal Hover Position													
Lateral Hover Position													
Hover Azimuth Error													
Deck Status													
Ship Motion													
Wave off													
Horizontal Reference													
Hover Height													
Closure Rate Error													
Aircraft Flight Instruments													
Density Altitude					2								

\* Excludes use of Electronic Aids

\*\* Visual signals are not currently used to provide this information

Not Visible - NV

Strong source - +

Moderate source - blank

Weak source - -

Very weak source - =

Figure 3-6. Summary of Information Required versus Information Provided for AV-8A -  
Homing, Orientation and Initial Approach Segments

the aircraft is 3 to 4 miles from touchdown at about 300 feet altitude. During Segment 4B - the close-in part of the final approach, the pilot is within approximately 1 mile of the site under VFR conditions and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles of the site under IFR conditions. In either case, the pilot is focusing his attention on the site.

#### B. PILOT INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

A review of the data contained in Figure 3-7 indicates the information required by the pilots surveyed for the initial and close-in portions of the final approach. In reviewing the percentages derived, it appears that there is substantial concurrence among all pilots in most of the information requirements. Pilots generally agreed that the following information was needed:

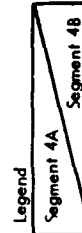
1. Base recovery course, inbound heading and relative wind, range milestone instructional data for task control and, in some cases, task limit warning.
2. Relative altitude and obstruction clearance for task limit warning and safety limit warning.
3. Vertical approach slope tracking error for determining rate of change and safety limit warning; and lateral tracking error for determining error magnitude and task limit warning.
4. Closure rate error for determining task control error magnitude.
5. Horizontal reference cues for determining lateral and longitudinal task control error rate of change data.
6. Wave-off cues for determining instructional safety limit warning and deck status cues for determining instructional task control.

In reviewing the data further, it should be noted that:

1. Relative Wind - The requirement for relative wind data is particularly critical in shipboard operations and is required again in this segment as an up-date to previously provided data.
2. Obstacle Clearance and Relative Altitude - This data was of more concern to pilots operating from tactical sites due to the concern of contacting obstructions.
3. Horizontal Reference - The requirement for horizontal reference cues was unanimously agreed by pilots but only in the close-in part of the final approach.



Information Requirements	Type	AV-8A	
		Sea (Note 1)	Shore (Note 2)
Inbound Heading	Instructional - Task Limit Warning	20%/--	20%/--
Base Recovery Course	Instructional - Task Control	60%/--	40%/100%
	Instructional - Task Limit Warning	-- /80%	40%/100%
Relative Wind	Instructional - Task Control	100%/60%	40%/--
	Instructional - Task Limit Warning	-- /25%	75%
Lateral Tracking Error	Longitudinal - Safety Limit Warning - Error Magnitude	100%/80%	60%/75%
	Lateral - Task Limit Warning - Error Magnitude	100%/--	100%/--
Approach Slope Tracking Error	Vertical - Safety Limit Warning - Error Magnitude	-- /100%	-- /100%
	Vertical - Safety Limit Warning - Error Rate of Change	40%/80%	-- /50%
Range Milestone	Instructional - Task Limit Warning	-- /20%	60%/--
	Instructional - Task Control	-- /20%	20%/25%
Obstacle Clearance	Instructional - Safety Limit Warning	60%/60%	40%/75%
	Instructional - Task Limit Warning	80%/--	60%/--
Relative Altitude	Instructional - Safety Limit Warning	-- /100%	-- /100%
	Instructional - Task Control	-- /100%	-- /100%
Deck Status	Instructional - Safety Limit Warning	100%/60%	60%/50%
	Instructional - Task Limit Warning	-- /100%	-- /100%
Wave-off	Lateral - Task Control - Error Rate of Change	-- /100%	-- /100%
	Longitudinal - Task Control - Error Rate of Change	100%/60%	60%/50%
Horizontal Reference	Longitudinal - Task Control - Error Magnitude	-- /100%	-- /100%
Closure Rate Error	Longitudinal - Task Control - Error Magnitude	100%/60%	60%/50%



Note 1 - AV-8A Marines to LPH/LHA - Sample Size 5 pilots (See Figure 6-17 series)  
Note 2 - AV-8A Marines to Shore - Sample Size 5 pilots for segment 4A and 4 pilots for segment 4B (See Figure 6-18 series)

Figure 3-7. AV-8A Pilot Concurrence with Information Requirements - Final Approach Segment

### C. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The site scene (centerline lights, drop-line lights and overhead floodlights, perimeter/edge lights and marking for ships) were not rated individually because data was not collected in sufficient detail to evaluate the cues provided by individual aids except in a general sense.

The precision approach radar is recommended for shooting approaches in conditions not less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile visibility and 200 foot ceiling (1 mile and 300 for the AV-8A). The non-precision approach radar is not recommended in ceilings less than 400 feet and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles visibility. The TACAN, ASR and ADF were not rated in Figures 3-8 and 3-9 individually as providing any source of data during the close-in portion of the final approach. In addition, it should be noted that the precision approach radar does not in itself provide required closure rate information because closure rate has to be computed by measuring the current speed and distance the aircraft is from the ship and comparing that with the desired numbers.

### D. EVALUATION OF EXISTING SOURCES

The 6 basic sources of information evaluated in the initial and close-in portions of the final approach are rated in Figures 3-8 and 3-9, respectively, and discussed below:

1. Electronic Aids - including TACAN, radar and voice communications are rated as a strong source in providing all required information.

2. Rotary Beacon Signal System and Wave-Off Lights - the existing rotary beacon signal system and GSI wave-off lights provide a moderate source of deck status and wave-off information at night during the initial final approach with VFR minimums. As the pilot closes to the ship and commences the close-in portion, the lights become a strong source for deck status and wave-off information.

During day VFR conditions, it is questionable as to whether or not the lights can be readily seen during the initial final approach, although they were rated as moderate to weak sources during close-in portion of the approach.

During IFR conditions, the lights are barely visible at night during the initial portion of the final approach, but were rated as strong source during the close-in portion of the approach.

3. Wind Cone - Movements in the wind cone installed at tactical sites are hardly visible during the initial final approach and only provide a weak source of data during close-in portion whether during the day or at night. Even when the wind cone is visible, it is difficult to judge the amount of air flow. In addition, it provides an unreliable source of wind direction except when the pilot can view the wind cone from above at a close distance.

4. View of the Ship/Field - The view of the ship flight deck/island and the field during the day and VLA lighting in relation to ship navigational lights at night, provide only marginal visual cues with regard to range milestone, lateral tracking error, approach

REQUIREMENT						EVALUATION													
INFORMATION		LEVEL/TYPE					LEVEL/TYPE												
		LATERAL	LONG/SPD	VERTICAL	AZIMUTH	INSTRUCT	SHIPBOARD						SHOREBASED						
							VR		IFR		DAY		NIGHT		VR		DAY		NIGHT
Relative Wind (Potential Up-down)						1	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+
Lateral Tracking Error		2B					1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+
							1A-	1A	NA	NA	1A-	1A	1A-	1A	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
							1A	NV	NA	NA	1A	1A	1A	NV	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
							1A-	1A-	NA	NA	1A	1A	1A-	1A-	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Approach Slope Tracking Error			3B				1A-	1A-	NA	NA	1A	1A	1A-	1A-	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
							NV	2A+	NA	NA	NV	2A+	2A+	2A+	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
							1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+
Range Measurements						2	1	1-	NA	NA	1+	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Obstacle Clearance (Shore)						3	NA	NA	NA	NA	1-	NV	NV	NV	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Deck Status						1	1-	1	NA	NA	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+
Wave-Off						1	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+
							1-	1	NA	NA	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+
							1-	1	NA	NA	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+
Closure Rate Error		1B					NA	NA	1A	1A	1A	1A	1A	1A	1A	1A	1A	1A	1A
							1A	1A-	NA	NA	1A+	1A	1A	1A	1A	1A	1A	1A	1A

Not Applicable (NA); Not Visible (NV); strong source (+); weak source (-); very weak source (m); moderate source (blank)

Figure 3-8. Evaluation of Existing Information Sources for AV-8A -  
Initial Final Approach Segment

REQUIREMENT				EVALUATION LEVEL/TITLE									
INFORMATION	LEVEL/TITLE	SOURCE	SHIPBOARD					SHOREBASED					
			VFR		IFR			VFR		IFR			
			DAY	NIGHT	DAY	NIGHT	DAY	NIGHT	DAY	NIGHT	DAY	NIGHT	
Base Recovery Course		Voice Communications	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	
Relative Wind	3A, 3A	Voice Communications	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	
	Shorebased												
	Only												
Lateral Tracking Error	2B	View of Ship/Field	1B-	1A-	1B-	1A-	1B-	1A-	1B-	1A-	1B-	1A-	
		PAR	NA	NA	2B+	2B+	NA	NA	2B+	2B+	2B+	2B+	
		Center Line/Drop Line Lights	1C-	1C	1C-	1C	1C-	1C	1C-	1C	1C-	1C	
		Line-up Marking	1C	NA	1C	NA	1C	NA	1C	NA	1C	NA	
		Line-up Marking Floodlighted	NA	1C-	NA	1C-	NA	1C-	NA	1C-	NA	1C-	
Approach Slope Tracking Error	3C	View of Ship/Field	1B-	1A-	1B-	1A-	1B-	1A-	1B-	1A-	1B-	1A-	
		PAR	NA	NA	2B+	2B+	NA	NA	2B+	2B+	2B+	2B+	
		GSI	2A	2A+	2A	2A+	2A	2A+	2A	2A+	2A	2A+	
Barge Millstones		View of Ship	1B-	1A-	1B-	1A-	1B-	1A-	1B-	1A-	1B-	1A-	
	2	PAR	NA	NA	2+	2+	NA	NA	2+	NA	2+	2+	
Obstacle Clearance		View of Obstacles	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	1	NV	1	NV	1	
	3	Obstacles Lighted	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	1	1	
Relative Altitude		View of Ship/Field	2+	2	2+	2	2+	2	2+	2	2+	2	
	2/3	PAR	NA	NA	2+	2+	NA	NA	2+	NA	2+	2+	
Deck Status		Battery Beacon Signal System	1	1+	1-	1+	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		Voice Communications	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	
		GSI Wave-Off	1	1+	1-	1+	1	1	1	1	1	1	

Not Assessable (NA): Not Visible (NV): strong source (+): weak source (-): very weak source (v): moderate source (m):

Not Applicable (NA); Not Visible (NV); strong source (+); weak source (-); very weak source (v); moderate source (blank)

Figure 3-9. Evaluation of Existing Information Sources for AV-8A -  
Close-In Final Approach Segment

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Not Applicable (NA); Not Visible (NV); strong source (+); weak source (-); very weak source (=); moderate source (blank)

**Figure 3-9. Evaluation of Existing Information Sources for AV-8A - Close-In Final Approach Segment (continued)**

slope tracking error and closure rate error. The pilot can compare the size of the ship and vertical and lateral position of the ship with respect to the aircraft's window although these cues provide more of a sense of error direction rather than error magnitude. This information comparison is, however, influenced significantly by the side slip and yaw of the aircraft. The source is generally not as good at night as it is during the day because fewer cues are provided. In addition, neither ship or field can be seen during certain IFR conditions while commencing the initial portion of the final approach. The view of the ship, however, provides a strong source during the close-in portion for ship motion assuming that some horizontal reference, such as the view of the ocean, is also within the field of view.

5. Landing Centerline Markings and Lights - Landing centerline markings which are floodlit at night and centerline lights including extended line-up and drop-line lights provide a poor source for lateral tracking error during the initial final approach, but a moderate source as the aircraft closes on the ship during the close-in portion. The marking and lights provide only task control information since the pilot does not receive, as desired, a specific visual indication when the task limit is reached. The pilot does, however, readily see if he is to one side or the other of the slot and does receive some indication of error rate of change as adjustments are made.

6. Glide Slope Indicator - Pilots indicated that they needed a task limit warning and error rate of change with regard to vertical approach slope tracking error. The glide slope indicator was evaluated as only providing task limit information since it fails to specifically indicate a warning such as a flashing light while low. In addition, the glide slope indicator was rated as only providing error direction information because error magnitude is not provided in a precise manner such as with a spectrum of red, green and amber light, to indicate when the aircraft is, for example, slightly below, moderately below, or extremely below the approach path. Some order of magnitude can be, however, perceived from the three sectors. In terms of visual perception of the glide slope indicator, it is a strong source during the initial final approach at night under VFR conditions but can barely be seen during day VFR and day or night IFR condition. During the close-in portion, the glide slope indicator is a strong source at night and a moderate source during the day under VFR conditions.

#### E. DEFICIENCY

A summary of the most highly rated visual sources contained in Figures 3-8 and 3-9 are listed in Figures 3-10 and 3-11, excluding any form of electronic aids.

1. Perception of Aids - Under IFR conditions, the existing aids are not visible during the initial final approach and only barely at the beginning of the close-in portion. Therefore, the pilot must either rely on electronic aids or, in the case of EMCON, attempt to fly within visual range of the ship using the triangle search pattern.

Under VFR conditions of 5 mile visibility, the pilot can perceive the aids relatively well during the day or at night.

Information Required	Information Provided												
	LEVEL/TYPE					Condition							
	LATERAL	LONG./SPD.	VERTICAL	AZIMUTH	INSTRUCT.	Day				Night			
						Shipboard		Shorebased		Shipboard		Shorebased	
						VFR	IFR	VFR	IFR	VFR	IFR	VFR	IFR
Identity													
Inbound Heading													
Base Recovery Course													
Ship Course Ambiguity													
Pattern Orientation													
Pattern Dimensions													
Relative Wind (Up-date)*					1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Signal Delta/Charlie													
Range													
Range Rate													
Time-to-turn Milestone													
Lateral Tracking Error *	2B					1A	--	1A	--	1A	--	1A	--
Approach Slope Tracking Error*			3B			1A-	--	1A	--	2A+	--	2A+	--
Range Milestone					2	1	--	1+	--	1-	--	1	--
Obstacle Clearance					3	NA	NA	1-	--	NA	NA	NV	--
Relative Altitude													
Longitudinal Hover Position													
Lateral Hover Position													
Hover Azimuth Error													
Deck Status *					1	1=	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	NA	NA
Ship Motion													
Wave off*						1=	NA		NA	1	NA		NA
Horizontal Reference													
Hover Height													
Closure Rate Error *		1B				1A	NA	1A+	NA	1A-	NA	1A	NA
Aircraft Flight Instruments													

\* Voice Communications/  
Navigation Aids ratings  
not included

Not Visible - NV  
Strong source - +  
Moderate source - blank

Weak source - -  
Very weak source - =

Figure 3-10. Summary of Information Required versus Information Provided  
for AV-8A - Initial Final Approach Segment

Information Required	Information Provided												
	LEVEL/TYPE					Condition							
	LATERAL	LONG./SPD.	VERTICAL	AZIMUTH	INSTRUCT.	Day				Night			
						Shipboard		Shorebased		Shipboard		Shorebased	
						VFR	IFR	VFR	IFR	VFR	IFR	VFR	IFR
Identity													
Inbound Heading													
Base Recovery Course*					1								
Ship Course Ambiguity													
Pattern Orientation													
Pattern Dimensions													
Relative Wind*		Ship/Shore/1/3A											
Signal Delta/Charlie													
Range													
Range Rate													
Time-to-turn Milestone													
Lateral Tracking Error *	2B					1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C	1C
Approach Slope Tracking Error*			3C			2A	2A	2A	2A	2A+	2A+	2A+	2A+
Range Milestone*					2	1B-	1B-	1B	1B-	1A-	1A-	1A	1A-
Obstacle Clearance					3	NA	NA	1	1	NA	NA	1	1
Relative Altitude*		Ship/Shore/2/3					2+	2+	2+	2+	2	2	2
Longitudinal Hover Position													
Lateral Hover Position													
Hover Azimuth Error													
Deck Status*					1	1	1-	NA	NA	1+	1+	NA	NA
Ship Motion													
Wave off					3	3	3-			3+	3+		
Horizontal Reference	1C	1C				1C+	1C	1C+	1C	1C-	1C-	1C	1C-
Hover Height													
Closure Rate Error		1B				1B	1B	1B	1B	1A-	1A-	1A-	1A-
Aircraft Flight Instruments													

\* Voice Communications/  
Navigation Aids ratings  
not included

Not Visible - NV  
Strong source - +  
Moderate source - blank

Weak source - -  
Very weak source - =

Figure 3-11. Summary of Information Required versus Information Provided  
for AV-8A - Close-In Final Approach



2. Range Milestone and Closure Rate Error Information - is provided only by the view of the ship which is at best only satisfactory during the day and rated as a weak source at night. Without a good indication of distance from the ship, it is difficult to establish a range milestone and thus adjust closure rate.

3. Lateral Tracking Error - The centerline markings during the day and floodlit markings at night along with the centerline lights fail to provide a task limit warning, although as the pilot closes on the ship, he is able to discern error rate of change.

4. Approach Slope Tracking Error and Relative Altitude - The glide slope indicator provides approach slope tracking information but fails to provide a precise indication of error magnitude or indication of error rate of change. In addition, the current intensity provides that it can only be seen during night VFR conditions while the pilot is commencing the final approach. The view of the ship/field during the close-in portion of the final approach provides moderate to strong relative altitude cues, although pilots operating to fields indicated that safety limit warning data is needed.

5. Deck Status and Wave-Off Information - is provided by two good sources, the rotary beacon signal system and GSI wave-off lights, although neither can be seen in IFR conditions except during the close-in portion of the final approach.

6. Horizon Reference Information - The view of the horizon depends on meteorological conditions. During times of high visibility the view of the horizon provides a strong source, whereas during 7 miles visibility and less the horizon cannot be seen. The view of the ocean establishes, although, an artificial horizon at the extremities of the visibility. At night, the same effect may not be apparent due to the ceiling and light from the moon. It was generally concluded that during a day or night situation with  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile visibility and less, the view of the ocean would be minimal. The view of the ship was not included as a source since it moves and only provides horizontal information in relationship to the ocean.

7. Base Recovery Course and Relative Wind - The pilots also indicated the need to be apprised of any changes in base recovery course and relative wind. No aid or procedure has been developed for accomplishing this task visually.

### PART III. HOVER AND VERTICAL LANDING

#### A. SCENARIO

The hover and vertical landing segments are defined as follows:

- The hover segment begins once transition to hovering flight is undertaken, and includes translational flight to the point from which the vertical landing is begun. During this segment, flight is conducted primarily by visual reference to the point of intended landing. The edge of the forward site is crossed at approximately 50 feet altitude or above, although 100 feet altitude is recommended if the pad is on loose surface to reduce the possibility of a dust cloud impairing the pilot's view. For shipboard operations, the pilot flies

to a position abeam, or slightly aft of abeam, the landing spot and translates across the deck edge at 25 feet above the deck and zero rate of descent. The pilot must continue to keep the nose of the aircraft into the wind and at night should not land with a heading of more than 30° left of ship's heading to avoid possible loss of visual cues.

- The vertical landing segment commences with the aircraft in hover over the touchdown point, and includes the vertical descent, touchdown and any recovery-assist and aircraft securing operations.

#### B. PILOT INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

A review of the data contained in Figure 3-12 indicates the percentage of pilots which agreed with the information requirements and ratings suggested in the survey. In reviewing the percentages derived, it appears that there is substantial agreement with regard to the need for:

1. Relative wind
2. Deck status and wave-off for the hover segment only
3. Ship motion
4. Obstacle clearance
5. Lateral tracking error, relative altitude and closure rate during the hover segment
6. Longitudinal, lateral and azimuth hover error and hover height during the hover and vertical landing
7. Horizontal reference

A significant point, with regard to the above information, is the tendency on the part of the pilots to require practically the same information for hover and vertical landing except to a greater degree. Where, for example, pilots indicated a need for task control information during the hover segment, they would indicate a need for task control warning or, even, safety limit warning for the vertical landing segment. The pilots also indicated a similar preference in requesting error magnitude information during the hover segment but error rate of change or, even, change in error rate of change during the vertical landing segment.

Another observation should be noted regarding the need for deck status and wave-off information during only the hover segment. Pilots indicated that this type of data could not be used once the aircraft had been committed to descent.

#### C. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The pilot was considered totally visual during these segments and is largely dependent on either voice communications and the view of the ship, particularly, the island, or the view of the tactical site. In the case of the tactical site, it is difficult to generalize on the type of cues which might be available because of the differences in terrain.

Information Requirements	Type	AV-8A	
		Sea (Note 1)	Shore (Note 2)
Relative Wind	Lateral - Safety Limit Warning - Error Magnitude	100%/100%	100%/75%
	Longitudinal - Safety Limit Warning - Error Magnitude	100%/100%	100%/75%
	Vertical - Safety Limit Warning - Error Magnitude	100%/100%	100%/75%
	Azimuth - Safety Limit Warning - Error Magnitude	100%/100%	100%/75%
Lateral Tracking Error	Lateral - Task Limit Warning - Error Rate of Change	100%/ --	100%/--
Obstacle Clearance	Lateral - Safety Limit Warning - Task Limit Warning	100%/100%	100%/75%
	Longitudinal - Safety Limit Warning - Task Limit Warning	100%/100%	100%/75%
	Vertical - Safety Limit Warning - Task Limit Warning	100%/100%	100%/75%
	Azimuth - Safety Limit Warning - Task Limit Warning	-- /100%	-- /75%
Relative Altitude	Vertical - Task Limit Warning - Error Rate of Change	100%/ --	100%/--
Longitudinal Hover Position	Longitudinal - Task Limit Warning - Change in Error Rate of Change	100%/ --	100%/--
	Longitudinal - Safety Limit Warning - Change in Error Rate of Change	-- /100%	-- /75%
	Lateral - Task Limit Warning - Change in Error Rate of Change	100%/--	100%/--
Lateral Hover Position	Lateral - Safety Limit Warning - Change in Error Rate of Change	-- /100%	-- /75%
	Azimuth - Task Control - Error Magnitude	100%/100%	100%/75%
Hover Azimuth Error	Instructional - Task Control	60%/ --	-- /--
Deck Status	Lateral - Task Limit Warning - Error Rate of Change	100%/ --	75%/--
Ship Motion	Lateral - Safety Limit Warning - Change in Error Rate of Change	-- /100%	-- /75%
	Longitudinal - Task Limit Warning - Error Rate of Change	100%/ --	75%/--
	Longitudinal - Safety Limit Warning - Change in Error Rate of Change	-- /100%	-- /75%
	Vertical - Task Limit Warning - Error Rate of Change	100%/ --	75%/--
	Vertical - Safety Limit Warning - Change in Error Rate of Change	-- /100%	-- /75%
	Instructional - Safety Limit Warning	100%/ --	100%/--
Wave-off	Lateral - Task Control - Error Magnitude	100%/100%	100%/75%
Horizontal Reference	Longitudinal - Task Control - Error Magnitude	100%/100%	100%/75%
	Vertical - Task Control - Error Magnitude	100%/100%	100%/75%
	Vertical - Task Control - Error Rate of Change	60%/ --	50%/--
Hover Height	Vertical - Task Control - Change in Error Rate of Change	-- /75%	-- /75%
	Longitudinal - Task Limit Warning - Error Magnitude	60%/--	75%/--

Note 1 - AV-8A Marines to LPH/LHA - Sample Size 5 pilots (See Figure 6-17 series)

Note 2 - AV-8A Marines to Shore - Sample Size 4 pilots (See Figure 6-18 series)

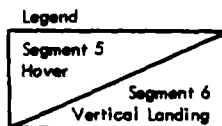


Figure 3-12. AV-8A Pilot Concurrence with Information Requirements -  
Hover and Vertical Landing Segments

It should also be noted that the problems associated with perceiving the cues in various meteorological conditions are nearly non-existent at this range. The sources were evaluated lower at night, however, due to the difficulties in perceiving contrasting and reference information.

#### D. EVALUATION OF EXISTING SOURCES

The eight basic sources of information considered essential in the hover and vertical landing segments are rated in Figure 3-13 and 3-14 and are discussed below:

1. Electronic Aids - such as TACAN and radar were not rated during this final phase since these segments are essential visually even under the worst meteorological conditions.

2. View of the Ship/Field - The view of the ship/field including the surfaces and markings during the day and the perimeter/edge lights and floodlit surfaces at night provides the pilot with information for judging relative altitude, hover height, longitudinal hover position error, lateral hover position error, hover azimuth error, closure rate and, in the case of ships, platform motion. The source can generally be thought of as strong during the day but considerably weaker at night.

Although the source itself is, as indicated, fairly strong from a visual standpoint, it generally only provides a task limit warning information since it does not provide the pilot with any type of specific warning when he is too high or low or to either side of the desired approach. In addition, the view generally provides an indication of error rate of change as the pilot maneuvers but not change in error rate of change.

The view of the ship/field decreases as the pilot transitions into the vertical landing segment.

3. View of Obstructions - The view of obstacles provides a strong source during the day and a lesser source at night when the obstacles are floodlit with overhead lights. As the pilot completes the hover and commences the vertical landing he is unable to see the obstacles which he has cleared and focuses on any obstacles in front or on side of the aircraft, such as the island. The view of the obstacles appears to give the pilot an indication of task limit warning and even error rate of change, although pilots indicated that a safety limit warning was necessary.

4. Centerline Markings and Lights - It should be noted that the cues received from these sources are adequate while approaching the ship but are not visible as the pilot hovers over the landing area.

5. Rotary Beacon Signal System - provides a strong source of instructional information, although the pilot's attention is usually focusing on cues other than the rotary beacon.

6. Horizon and Sense of Horizon - As discussed in the final approach segment, horizontal reference such as a view of the ocean is dependent on meteorological conditions. It

REQUIREMENT				EVALUATION														
INFORMATION	LEVEL/TYPE				SOURCE	SHIPBOARD						SHOREBASED						
	LAT/ALT	LONG./SPD	VERTICAL	AZIMUTH		INSTRUCT	VFR			IFR			VFR			IFR		
							DAY	NIGHT		DAY	NIGHT		DAY	NIGHT		DAY	NIGHT	
Relative Wind	3B	3B	3B	3B		Voice Communications	3	3		3	3		3	3		3	3	
Lateral Tracking Error						Center Line Marking or Lights	NA	NA		NA	NA		2C+	2C+		2C+	2C+	
						View of Ship and Island/Field	1B	1B-		1B	1B-		1B+	1B		1B+	1B	
						LSO	3A	3A		3A	3A		NA	NA		NA	NA	
Obstacle Clearance	3B	3B	3B	3B		View of Obstacles	2C+	2C-		2C+	2C-		2C+	2C-		2C+	2C-	
						LSO	3A+	3A+		3A+	3A+		NA	NA		NA	NA	
Relative Altitude				3C		View of Ship and Island/Field	2B+	2B		2B+	2B		2B+	2B+		2B+	2B+	
						LSO	3A+	3A+		3A+	3A+		NA	NA		NA	NA	
Longitudinal Hover Position				2D		View of Ship and Island/Field	2C+	2C		2C+	2C		2C	2C		2C	2C	
						LSO	3A+	3A+		3A+	3A+		NA	NA		NA	NA	
Lateral Hover Position				2D		View of Ship and Island/Field	2C+	2C		2C+	2C		2C+	2C		2C+	2C	
						LSO	3A+	3A+		3A+	3A+		NA	NA		NA	NA	
Hover Azimuth Error				1B		View of Ship and Island/Field	2C+	2C		2C+	2C		2C+	2C		2C+	2C	
						LSO	3A+	3A+		3A+	3A+		NA	NA		NA	NA	
Deck Status				1		Voice Communications	1+	1+		1+	1+		1+	1+		1+	1+	
						Rotary Beacon Signal System	1+	1+		1+	1+		NA	NA		NA	NA	
Ship Motion				2C	2C	View of Ship and Island	1C+	2C		1C+	2C		NA	NA		NA	NA	
				1B	1B	Horizon and Sense of Horizon	1C+	1C-		1C	1C-		1C+	1C		1C+	1C-	

Not Applicable (NA); strong source (+); weak source (-); very weak source (-); moderate source (blank)

Figure 3-13. Evaluation of Existing Information Sources for AV-8A - Hover Segment

Not Applicable (NA)	strong source (+)	weak source (-)	very weak source (=)	moderate source (blank)
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**Figure 3-13. Evaluation of Existing Information Sources for AV-8A – Hover Segment (continued)**

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Not Applicable (NA); strong source (+); weak source (-); very weak source (=); moderate source (blank)

**Figure 3-14. Evaluation of Existing Information Sources for AV-8A - Vertical Landing Segment**

should also be noted that pilots indicated that only error magnitude as opposed to error rate of change requested during the final approach was required. It is suspected that this difference in rating is somewhat erroneous in that the pilot would like an indication of error rate of change but has, during the hover and vertical landing segments, started to concentrate solely on nearby objects. The view of the horizon was rated as a strong source during the day but a weak source at night, particularly under IFR conditions.

7. Wind Cone - As indicated during the final approach segment, the wind cone is not a very accurate method of providing relative wind. It is difficult to observe small changes in the wind cone direction and extremely difficult, if not impossible, to sense wind speed. Furthermore, the view of the wind cone will most likely be obstructed from within the cockpit.

8. Landing Signal Officer - The LSO is a primary source of information during day and night operations for the hover and landing segments. He is capable of providing lateral tracking error, obstacle clearance, relative altitude, longitudinal hover position error, lateral hover position error, hover azimuth error, deck status, wave-off and hover height information. The LSO can provide a task safety limit warning by indicating a wave-off if he thinks the pilot is too low or high, to the side, or close to an obstruction. In this sense, the LSO is an excellent source of data. The LSO is, however, limited to providing only error direction and, depending on the LSO, some sense of error magnitude.

#### E. DEFICIENCY

A summary of the most highly rated visual sources contained in Figure 3-13 and 3-14 are listed in Figure 3-15 and 3-16 for the hover and vertical land segments. The summary excludes electronic aids which could not be used under EMCON and LSO signals provided through voice communications as opposed to purely visual sources.

1. Perception of Aids - Under either VFR or IFR conditions, the VLA are visible during the hover segment. Although the aids are visible from the standpoint of meteorological conditions, they are often obstructed during the vertical landing segment due to cockpit field of view.

2. Relative Wind - Aside from voice communication, the only indication of relative wind comes from extraneous sources such as ocean swells or, in the case of tactical sites, tree movements. The sources are, therefore, poor under even favorable conditions. Furthermore, there is no reasonable visual indication of wind measurement even if ship or field meteorological equipment is employed. Wind measurement equipment is usually installed on the superstructure which does not always provide a reliable source of data for the condition which is occurring in the area of the aircraft. It is also questionable as to how a real time readout would help the pilot since he is likely to feel the effect at the controls about as quickly or even more quickly than the equipment could measure a sudden gust of wind.

3. Lateral Tracking Error, Relative Altitude and Closure Rate - The view of the ship/field provides a satisfactory source of lateral tracking error, except for providing a specific



Information Required	Information Provided												
	LEVEL/TYPE					Condition							
	LATERAL	LONG./SPD.	VERTICAL	AZIMUTH	INSTRUCT.	Day				Night			
						Shipboard		Shorebased		Shipboard		Shorebased	
						VFR	IFR	VFR	IFR	VFR	IFR	VFR	IFR
Identity													
Inbound Heading													
Base Recovery Course													
Ship Course Ambiguity													
Pattern Orientation													
Pattern Dimensions													
Relative Wind*	3B	3B	3B	3B									
Signal Delta/Charlie													
Range													
Range Rate													
Time-to-turn Milestone													
Lateral Tracking Error	2C					1B	1B	2C+	2C+	1B-	1B-	2C+	2C+
Approach Slope Tracking Error													
Range Milestone													
Obstacle Clearance	3B	3B	3B			2C+	2C+	2C+	2C+	2C-	2C-	2C-	2C-
Relative Altitude			3C			2B+	2B+	2B+	2B+	2B	2B	2B+	2B+
Longitudinal Hover Position		2D				2C+	2C+	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C
Lateral Hover Position	2D					2C+	2C+	2C+	2C+	2C	2C	2C	2C
Hover Azimuth Error				1B		2C+	2C+	2C+	2C+	2C	2C	2C	2C
Deck Status*					1	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+
Ship Motion	2C	2C	2C			1C+	1C+	NA	NA	2C	2C	NA	NA
Wave off					3	3+	3+	NA	NA	3+	3+	NA	NA
Horizontal Reference	1B	1B	1B			1C+	1C	1C+	1C	1C-	1C=	1C	1C-
Hover Height			1C			1C+	1C-	1C+	1C	1C-	1C=	1C	1C-
Closure Rate Error		2B				1B	1B	1B	1B	1A-	1A-	1A	1A-
Aircraft Flight Instruments													

\* Voice Communications/  
LSO ratings not included

Not Visible - NV  
Strong source - +  
Moderate source - blank

Weak source - -  
Very weak source - =

Figure 3-15. Summary of Information Required versus Information Provided for  
AV-8A - Hover Segment

Information Required	Information Provided												
	LEVEL/TYPE					Condition							
	LATERAL	LONG./SPD.	VERTICAL	AZIMUTH	INSTRUCT.	Day				Night			
						Shipboard		Shorebased		Shipboard		Shorebased	
						VFR	IFR	VFR	IFR	VFR	IFR	VFR	IFR
Identity													
Inbound Heading													
Base Recovery Course													
Ship Course Ambiguity													
Pattern Orientation													
Pattern Dimensions													
Relative Wind *	3B	3B	3B	3B									
Signal Delta/Charlie													
Range													
Range Rate													
Time-to-turn Milestone													
Lateral Tracking Error													
Approach Slope Tracking Error													
Range Milestone													
Obstacle Clearance	3B	3B	3B	3B		2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C
Relative Altitude													
Longitudinal Hover Position		3D				2C+	2C+	2C+	2C+	2C	2C	2C	2C
Lateral Hover Position													
Hover Azimuth Error				1B		2C+	2C+	2C+	2C+	2C	2C	2C	2C
Deck Status													
Ship Motion	2D	2D	2D			2C+	2C	2C+	2C	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wave off													
Horizontal Reference	1B	1B	1B			1C+	1C-	1C+	1C	1C-	1C-	1C	1C-
Hover Height			1D			1C+	1C+	1C+	1C+	1C-	1C-	1C-	1C-
Closure Rate Error													
Aircraft Flight Instruments													

\* Voice Communications/  
LSO ratings not included

Not Visible - NV  
Strong source - +  
Moderate source - blank

Weak source - -  
Very weak source - =

Figure 3-16. Summary of Information Required versus Information Provided  
for AV-8A - Vertical Landing Segment

warning if the pilot strays too far to port or starboard of the desired path. As the pilot comes into a hover over the landing area, however, he loses site of most of the line-up display.

The view of the ship fails to provide the level of information desired by pilots with regard to both relative altitude and closure rate. The view of the ship/field is even less satisfactory at night.

4. Longitudinal Hover Position, Lateral Tracking Position, Hover Azimuth Error, and Hover Height - The centerline markings and lights provide satisfactory hover azimuth error. However, the markings and lights only provide a sense of error rate of change as opposed to the change in error rate of change desired for lateral and longitudinal hover position. Consequently, the pilot must watch to see the error, wait to see the amount of change and watch to see the extent of change in rate of change. As a result of this situation it appears that a more instantaneous method is required. With regard to hover height, it appears that the level of information desired increases as the pilot moves into the vertical landing segment. The existing sources for hover height information only provide a degree of error rate of change.

5. Obstacle Clearance - The view of obstacles themselves provides at best a task limit warning but not the desired safety limit warning. No device currently warns the pilot of an impending collision with an obstruction. It is assumed that as a part of the marking criteria that if the pilot hovers correctly he will not contact any obstacles.

6. Deck Status and Wave-Off - It appears that the rotary beacon signal light and wave-off lights more than adequately provide the necessary instructional data to the pilot provided they are installed in a location where they can be readily observed.

7. Ship Motion and Horizontal Reference - The view of the ship both during the day and at night does not provide the type of ship motion information needed, although ship motion on large aviation ships is not considered a significant problem. The horizontal reference provided by the ocean is a strong source during the day but becomes a weak source during the night and even a weaker source as meteorological conditions approach minimums. Additional horizontal reference information is, therefore, needed.

#### SECTION IV. CONCLUSIONS, PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This section is divided into three parts. The first part provides the overall conclusions of the study and emphasizes the basic findings of the study. The second part identifies VLA performance requirements for homing/orientation/initial approach, final approach and hover/vertical landing. The requirements stem from the deficiencies resulting from the comparison of existing VLA sources versus information requirements. The third part discusses the recommendations of the study.

##### A. CONCLUSIONS

1. The methodology developed for classifying information requirements by the segments, levels and types of vertical, lateral, speed/longitude, azimuth data is workable.

2. Use of the methodology in surveying pilot information requirements tends to eliminate the subjectiveness and biases often found when the pilot is specifically questioned about the need for a particular device.

3. The type of operations conducted, number of flight hours logged and conditions under which the pilot experience had been gained proved to be an insignificant factor in survey responses.

4. There are only minor differences between the categories of information required for:

- a. Helicopter operations versus AV-8 operations, including different types of helicopters.
- b. Aviation ship operations versus air capable ship or tactical site operations.
- c. Landing operations versus VERTREP, HIFR or SLED.

5. The differences in information required for particular aircraft, ship types or operations were reflected in the levels and types of data needed as opposed to the category of information (relative wind, ship motion, etc.) required.

6. The pilots surveyed often indicated the importance of the information by increasing the level and type of information desired.

7. The requirement to operate at NAVTOLAND minimums of zero ceiling and 700' visibility eliminates the need to conduct the homing, orientation, initial approach and final approach segments visually. The visual requirements for conducting normal VFR or IFR

operations are, in many cases, more stringent than the visual requirements for conducting low visibility operations.

**B. PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**1. Homing, Orientation and Initial Approach**

a. A homing device is needed with sufficient intensity to be seen in all VFR conditions and normal IFR. The device should also enable pilots to differentiate one ship from another.

b. Develop a visual device, procedure (including pre-briefing) or combination thereof which will enable the pilot to receive basic approach and landing information under EMCON and emergency conditions.

c. Develop a device or concentrate on methods of illuminating the ship which enables the pilot to properly position the aircraft with respect to altitude and the orientation and down wind leg of the initial approach.

**2. Final Approach**

a. Develop a VLA device which provides both vertical and lateral tracking error information. The device should be visible for a 3 to 4 mile distance under normal VFR conditions and provide safety limit warnings when the pilot has strayed from the desired flight path. The device should be stabilized to the extent that operations are required (sea state 5 for NAVTOLAND) and provide a lateral and vertical beam spread commensurate with the desired flight envelope.

b. Develop a VLA device or combination VLA device/tracking system which provides closure rate error information. The device or procedure should concentrate on providing the information when the aircraft is from 3 to 4 miles from the ship to the commencement of transition to hover.

c. Review intensity capacities and beam spreads of deck status, wave-off, glide slope indicator, and line-up lights to determine the feasibility of making them visible during the commencement of the final approach.

d. Develop a VLA device or procedure (including pre-flight briefing) which will effectively enable visual communication of instructional information such as relative wind and base recovery course while under EMCON or emergency conditions.

**3. Hover and Vertical Landing**

a. Develop a more meaningful VLA technique for measuring relative wind and providing the information to the pilot.

b. Develop a VLA device which will enable the pilot to accurately determine actual position versus ideal position with respect to lateral, vertical and longitudinal displacement. Some form of warning should be incorporated to indicate the limits of the flight envelope. Special consideration should be given to helicopter VERTREP, HIFR and SLED operations requiring continuous hover and V/STOL operations requiring hover in aircraft with minimum stability.

c. Provide a means of indicating to the pilot when he becomes dangerously close to an obstruction.

d. Develop increased horizon reference cues, particularly at night.

### C. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The VLA performance requirements identified herein should be used as a guide for defining and formulating the concepts needed to satisfy NAVTOLAND project goals and general VFR/IFR conditions for both helicopter and V/STOL aircraft. Of particular importance is information required for determining:

- a. Identification of ship
- b. Vertical and lateral tracking error.
- c. Closure rate and range milestone
- d. Hover position and horizon

2. The methodology and evaluation techniques developed as a result of this study should be used whenever new aircraft/site combinations are proposed. The approach should consist of:

- a. Developing a pilot information requirements matrix for the envisioned combinations.
- b. Evaluating existing lighting, marking and other visual cue sources to determine deficient areas.
- c. Developing new VLA based on the deficient areas.

3. Further work in the area of information requirements should concentrate on determining:

- a. The effectiveness of individual VLA devices in providing visual cues to the pilot.
- b. The efforts of VLA devices interacting in combination with each other.
- c. The sensitivity requirements of the information identified by the pilots.

d. The use of integration of VLA devices with landing guidance, tracking systems and aircraft displays.

e. The adequacy of intensity and beam spreads of existing lights.

## SECTION V. TERMINOLOGY

The following terminology was developed and used as a basis for the survey.

### A. INFORMATION LEVELS

There are three information levels, identified by the numbers 1, 2, 3 and  $\bar{3}$ , used to convey the opinion of how important an information requirement is and, in the same sense, the priority of the information. In addition, information levels are also intended to convey the consequences of not having the information.

1. Information Level 1. This is the level of information required for task control. An example of this type of information is the position of the "meatball" with respect to the datum arms of an optical landing system, such as the FLOLS. The displacement of the meatball indicates the direction and magnitude of the deviation from glide slope and the movement of the meatball indicates whether the aircraft is approaching or departing the glide slope and the speed with which this change is taking place. Information at Level 1 may also be purely instructive.

2. Information Level 2. This level of information indicates the limit of task control. It includes information of Level 1 and in addition includes a warning which says, "Do something or you will have to wave-off." An example of Level 2 information is the red color of the meatball of the FLOLS at the lower limit of its coverage.

3. Information Level 3. This level of information indicates a safety limit. It includes the information of Levels 1 and 2, and in addition includes a warning that the limits of safety are being approached and that something must be done immediately to avoid an accident. Thus, flashing the red, too-low meatball of the FLOLS if the aircraft were approaching the extreme lower limit of the signal would be information of Level 3.

4. Information Level  $\bar{3}$ . This level of information commands immediate action without explanation. It does not include information of Levels 1 and 2. Examples of information of Level  $\bar{3}$  are the wave-off and cut signals of the FLOLS.

Information levels are also needed for "instructive" information. In this sense, the open-loop type of data that the pilot requires to make his approach to his destination should be considered from the viewpoint of the consequences of not having it. If the consequences of not having a particular bit of information is, in the opinion of the pilot, that he would not be able to perform the task at hand, but that there was no particular connotation of hazard to not being able to perform the task, that bit of information should be classed as Level 2. If, on the other hand, the absence of that particular piece of information would create a hazard, the information under consideration should be classified as Level 3. Information that is neither Level 2 or Level 3, is Level 1, because it relates only to task control.



## B. TYPES OF INFORMATION

There are four types of information designated by the letters A, B, C, and D. In dealing with errors, there is a point where there is no error, or where the error is within an acceptable tolerance. This is called the "error null."

1. Type A, Error Direction. Once the error goes beyond the null, the first bit of needed information is the direction of the error. Note that "Error Direction" conveys no "Magnitude" data. The information requirements have been termed in such a way as to reflect the various axes in which the pilots exerts control, so there is an error null with respect to distance or range, to speed, to the lateral track and to the vertical track. An example of the indication of an error null is the yellow on-glide slope indication of the GSI. The red LOW signal and the green HIGH signal indicate only direction of departure and are thus Type A information.

2. Type B, Error Magnitude. The next type of information that is required is that which tells how far from the null the aircraft has strayed -- in other words, "Error Magnitude." An example of this type of information is the displacement of the meatball of the FLOLS above or below the datum error. Note that Type B information also includes the error direction, Type A, information.

3. Type C, Error Rate of Change. If the trend of error magnitude were observed over a period of time, one could see the amount of error change within that time period; therefore, the rate of change of error changes. The perception of this rate of change would be greatest when the variation of magnitude is the greatest over the smallest period of time. It is this "Rate of Error Change" that makes up our Information Type "C". An example of this type of information is the movement of the meatball of the FLOLS. This type of information can also be indicated directly. For example, the vertical speed indicates rate of change of altitude.

4. Type D, Change in Error Rate of Change. To obtain a stable error null, it is necessary to have change error rate-of-change of information. This type of information is Type D information. The error magnitude, the rate-of-change of error, and the change of rate-of-change must be reduced to zero simultaneously in order to obtain a stable null.

At this point, it is appropriate to think of Error Types in terms of the practical experience in the hovering regime of flight. For example, assume that you are hovering over a point and note that you have started to drift to the right. You can see the approximate magnitude of your error, and the rate at which the error is accumulating. When you apply control to first stop the drift, and then move back over the hovering point, you perceive the change in the rate of change of that error through the point at which it becomes zero at the extreme of the deviation; then increases in the opposite direction until you are about over the hover point, at which time you again gradually change the error rate-of-change so that you can resume a stationary hover over the desired position.

Now assume that you are performing the same exercise in a black night in which you have no references except for those provided by your flight instruments. If you were asked what you needed at this point, you would all assume that your most desirable aid would be simply to floodlight the area so that you could see the hover point as you see it in daylight, but just suppose that such was not possible. Now what kind of information would you like to have?

C. INFORMATION REQUIREMENT ITEMS

The information requirements which are rated by levels and types are explained below. The numbers of the requirements listed correspond to the numbers used on the evaluation forms. Items i through n develop somewhat different procedures when applied to a racetrack approach pattern. Therefore, they are considered as applied to a straight-in approach in part 1 of this paragraph and as a racetrack pattern in part 2.

1. Items for Straight-In Approach

a. Identity

- (1) Discriminate own vessel from empty field or from other ships

b. Inbound Heading

- (1) Determine compass heading to steer to overfly ship or to reach holding, Delta, marshall
- (2) (Remember - relative crosswinds over long distances)

c. Base Recovery Course

- (1) As distinguished from PIM, Fox Corpen or present course

d. Ship Course Ambiguity

- (1) Which end is which?

e. Pattern Orientation - Turning over ship/fix to gate, marshall, hold, etc.

- (1) Know first heading after station passage or divert from inbound
- (2) Heading for structured approach pattern, recognizing
  - other traffic
  - delays in Delta, holding
  - GRILS/LVA/HOBR monitoring
  - marginal IMC/VMC

## f. Pattern Dimensions

- (1) Plan for pattern turns

## g. Relative Wind

- (1) Relative navigation
- (2) Crab/slideslip requirements on final approach
- (3) Gross weight limits/single engine in hover

## h. Signal Delta/Charlie

- (1) Clearance/delay time

## i. Range

- (1) Distance from PIL before final approach

## j. Range Rate

- (1) Trend and rate of range before final approach

## k. Time-to-Turn Milestone

- (1) Actual time for turns in structured approach
- (2) Most critical on turn to final approach

## l. Lateral Tracking Error

- (1) Error to null
- (2) Displaces heading requirement on final approach

m. Approach Slope Tracking Error (include  $\phi$  slope

- (1) Error to null
- (2) Vertical clearance factors
- (3) Replaces altitude requirement on final approach

## n. Range Milestone (Final Approach)

- (1) Closure rate adjustment
- (2) Stimulate control functions (i.e., duct angles, reduce airspeed)

o. Closure Rate Error

- (1) Relative speed tolerance (null tolerance varies between pilots)
- (2) Narrowing tolerances with distance closure

p. Obstacle Clearance

- (1) Visual data prior to encountering physical carrier
  - (a) Remote from physical barrier, perhaps (i.e., painted outlines)

q. Relative Altitude

- (1) Altitude while outboard of ship structure (assures vertical clearance)
- (2) Datum-cursor relationships per terrain or superstructure and horizon, etc.
- (3) Converts to hover height over ship or pad

r. Longitudinal Hover Position Error

- (1) In longitudinal approach, approach null
- (2) In lateral approach, maintain null
- (3) Station keeping prior to and during vertical landing

s. Lateral Hover Position Error

- (1) In lateral approaches, approach null
- (2) In longitudinal approach, maintain null
- (3) Station keeping prior to and during vertical landing

t. Hover Azimuth Error

- (1) Visual aid in event of heading hold casualty

u. Deck Status

- (1) If foxtrot 2-blocked, or green-light, deck in all respects safe and ready. FOD walk-down complete, LSE, fire suits, etc.

v. Ship Motion

- (1) Potential for virtual horizon data

- (2) NATOPS/personal/special limits
  - (a) Recommendations to con
- (3) Null prediction
- w. Wave-off/cut (need additional item: cause)
  - (1) Advisory, precautionary or hazard
  - (2) Should include cause
    - (a) A/C conditions, procedures, deck/ship conditions
  - (3) Power calls
- x. Horizon Reference
  - (1) Pilot orientation (roll, pitch)
  - (2) Ship motion correlation (roll, pitch, heave, etc.)
- y. Hover Height
  - (1) Absolute vertical clearance dimension, consideration of both A/C and ship motion
  - (2) Control of vertical descent
  - (3) A/C over ship/pad
- z. A/C Flight Instruments - All applications

2. Application to Racetrack Pattern (Items i - n)

The items listed above are directly applicable to the straight-in approach. Some modifications in meaning are required to accommodate the "racetrack" pattern. These differences are discussed below.

- i. Range. This factor is adjusted to define the distances abeam of the aircraft from the ship, while flying upwind for break, and on the downwind leg, preparatory to making the final approach turn at the 180 degree position.
- j. Range Rate. This refers to the rate of change in range.
- k. Time-To-Turn Milestone. The positions for the turn to the downwind leg, and for the beginning of the final approach at the 180 degree position.
- l. Lateral Tracking Error. Since there are no occasions in the racetrack approach within which the aircraft is tracking on a straight line toward the Point of Intended Landing (PIL), Lateral Tracking Error is a misnomer for application in the usual

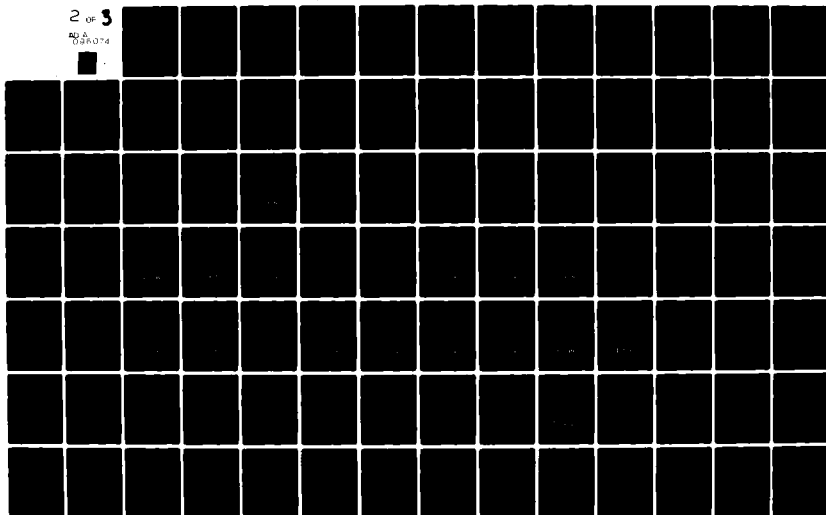
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sense. There is not a serious concern for lateral position until the last half of Segment Three, when the abeam range must be adjusted to assume a proper 180 degree position. The tracking task, itself, is a function of both "range," and "range rate," themselves purely instructive items since there is no feasible consideration of a closed-loop task in this segment.

For a given set of circumstances, described by the altitude and air speed of the helicopter, the relative wind, and the assigned LPH/LHA landing spot, there is but one position from which an approach can be flown with a constant, prescribed angle of bank, airspeed and rate of descent, to arrive at a prescribed point in space, on the projection of the 45 degree reference line of the landing spot. A pilot usually begins his approach as close to that point as he can, but in most instances finds that he must adjust his horizontal position by using continuous observations of progress toward the PIL, with a sense of lateral positioning with respect to the ideal path relative to his destination. In this sense, he performs "lateral tracking," using the integrated set of cues which emanate from his view of the landing site. It is the enhancement of this set of cue sources to which this information requirement is directed.

m. Approach Slope Tracking Error. The slope aspect of a racetrack pattern is really a concern for flying level at an appropriate altitude on the downwind leg (Segment 3) and with a consistent rate of descent while turning in the final approach (Segment 4A and 4B) in a manner that should remove the hazard of inadvertently descending into the water. Since altitude data is extracted primarily from flight instruments on the downwind leg, and the shift is made to visual means, progressively, during the early part of Final Approach, the first concern for the visual acquisition of data is in Segment 4A, then continuing through Segment 4B. In order to remove the "straight-in" connotation to this term, the term itself is revised to "Vertical Tracking Error" in conformance to specific recommendations from interviewed Marine pilots.

n. Range Milestone. Originally intended as the designation of a specific range at which functions such as check list items or airspeed changes were to occur, this is not in this style approach so much a function of range as it is a function of position. It is a "Functional Milestone," and the nomenclature is changed appropriately.

#### D. AXIS OF APPLICATION AND INSTRUCTIVE INFORMATION

Each approach segment is subdivided into categories of information termed "axis of application." This is done to ensure all flight parameters (lateral, vertical and speed/longitudinal) are covered within each segment of the approach. The term, "instructive", is provided to include general, informative data such as ship's course and speed, relative wind, etc.

## SECTION VI. PILOT SURVEY OF INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

This section provides the results of the pilot survey of information requirements. The information requirement categories and suggested ratings are indicated for each segment of the approach, along with the number of pilots which agreed or disagreed with the rating and any comments. Ratings which are circled indicate those that were suggested in the survey questionnaire, whereas ratings which are enclosed in a triangle were suggested by one or more pilots. Ratings enclosed in a square symbol were those considered to represent the actual requirement. The survey involved information requirements for the following aircraft and ship/shore combinations:

1. USN H-2 operating from Combatants, Figure 6-1 with 6 segments.
2. USN H-2 conducting HIFR Operations, Figure 6-2 with 1 segment.
3. USN H-46 conducting HIFR Operations, Figure 6-3 with 1 segment.
4. USN H-46 operating from Auxiliaries, Figure 6-4 with 6 segments.
5. USN H-46 operating from Combatants, Figure 6-5 with 6 segments.
6. USN H-53 operating from LPD's, Figure 6-6 with 6 segments.
7. USN H-53 conducting MK 105 SLED operations, Figure 6-7 with 2 segments.
8. USN H-53 conducting LPD MK 105 SLED operation, Figure 6-8 with 5 segments.
9. USN H-53 conducting MK 105 operations, Figure 6-9 with 5 segments.
10. MC UH-1/AH-1 operating from LPH/LHA's, Figure 6-10 with 6 segments.
11. MC H-46 operating from LPH/LHA's, Figure 6-11 with 6 segments.
12. MC H-53 operating from LPH/LHA's, Figure 6-12 with 6 segments.
13. MC H-1/H-46/H-53 operating from LPH/LHA's, Figure 6-13 with 6 segments.
14. MC H-1/H-46/H-53 operating from Landing Zones, Figure 6-14 with 6 segments.
15. MC H-1/H-46/H-53 operating from Landing Zones, Figure 6-15 with 6 segments.
16. MC H-1/H-46/H-53 operating from Landing Zones, Figure 6-16 with 6 segments.
17. MC AV-8A operating from LPH/LHA's, Figure 6-17 with 6 segments.
18. MC AV-8A operating from Tactical Sites, Figure 6-18 with 6 segments.



Definitions  
Level  
1 - Task Control  
2 - Task Limit Warning  
3 - Safety Limit Warning  
Type  
A - Error Direction  
B - Error Magnitude  
C - Error Rate-of-change  
D - Change in Error Rate-of-Change

☐ Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire  
 Rating Added By Pilot  
☐ Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

ITEM	RATINGS				INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 18
	Low	Speed/Long	Vertical	Intrusive					
1					Identify	9/9	Vertical clearance identity essential. Most concerned with identity of getting on top of ship.		
2					Inbound Heading	16/2	IN 66 used for this purpose. If BRC known - not necessary.		
3					Base Recovery Course	14/4	Ship's course used to plan approach outbound.		
4					Ship Course Ambiguity	11/7	Orientation derived from ambiguity.		
5					Pattern Orientation	14/4	Should be standardized.		
6					Pattern Dimensions	14/4	Must know prior to landing to ensure ship has provided envelope		
7					Relative Wind	15/3			
8					Signal Data/Charlie	13/5			
9					Range	16/2	Fuel considerations - BINGO. Are you clear for approach.		
10					Range Rate	16/2			
11					Time-To-Turn Milestone				
12					Lateral Tracking Error				
13					Approach Slope Tracking Error				
14					Range Milestone				
15					Obstacle Clearance				
16					Relative Altitude				
17					Longitudinal Hover Position				
18					Lateral Hover Position				
19					Hover Azimuth Error				
20					Deck Status	14/4	Not required during this phase.	(1.) 5. Level #1 Instructive	
21					Ship Motion	6/-		1. Level #1A Speed Long 1.	
22					Wave Off				
23					Horizontal Reference				
24					Hover Height				
25					Closure Rate Error				
26					Aircraft Flight Instruments	18/0	For information only.		
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.									
27					Density Altitude				
28					VERTREP Load Data				
29					Aircraft Separation				
30					HIFR Status				
31					Skew/Tension Indications				
32					Sted Status				

Figure 6-1-1. USN H-2 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from Combatants, Segment 1 - Homing

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 19
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Azimuth				
1	Identify					1/-			
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course					15/4	*First thing to determine. Not needed. Base recovery course enough. Essential from overhead out.		
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					12/7	Standard.		
5	Pattern Orientation					16/3	Standard.		
6	Pattern Dimensions					16/3	Standard.		
7	Relative Wind					17/2	*Important for developing envelope.		
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					15/4	*Must be expedited for fuel purposes.		
9	Range					18/1			
10	Range Rate					17/2			
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone					17/2	*"Expeditious safety" is watchword.		
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status					13/6	*If red deck, how long until green. Would attempt to obtain prior to approach.		
21	Ship Motion					5/-			
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					19/0			
	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Shew/Tension Indications								
32	Sled Status								

Definitions

Level

1 - Task Control

2 - Task Limit Warning

3 - Safety Limit Warning

Type

A - Error Direction

B - Error Magnitude

C - Error Rate-of-change

D - Change in Error Rate-of-Change

☐ Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire

☐ Rating Added By Pilot

☐ Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

Figure 6-1-2. USN H-2 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from Combatants, Segment 2 - Orientation

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 19
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Instructional				
1	Identity					1/-			
2	Inbound Heading					1/-			
3	Base Recovery Course					12/7			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					1/-			
5	Pattern Orientation					12/7	5. Particularly at night important to be set-up properly to avoid abrupt control of aircraft in segment 4 & 5.		
6	Pattern Dimensions					15/4	6. Standardized.		
7	Relative Wind					13/6	7. Proper flight envelope needed for planning purpose.		
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					13/3	(1.) 3 Deletions		
9	Range					15/4			
10	Range Rate					15/4			
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone					14/5			
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone					1/-			
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status					8/11	Provided w/signal delta. Would have already determined.		
21	Ship Motion					4/15			
22	Wave Off					1/-			
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	10	10	10		19/0			
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cal.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HPR Status								
32	Skew/Tension Indications								

Figure 6-1-3. USN H-2 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from Combatants, Segment 3 - Initial Approach

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 18
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Azimuth	Infective				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind								
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error	2B							
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error		3B						
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HIFB Status								
32	Slew/Tension Indications								
33	Slid Status								

Figure 6-1-4A. USN H-2 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from Combatants, Segment 4A - Final Initial Approach

Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire

Rating Added By Pilot

Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

Definitions

Level

1 - Task Control

2 - Task Limit Warning

3 - Safety Limit Warning

Type

A - Error Direction

B - Error Magnitude

C - Error Rate-of-change

D - Chance in Error Rate-Of-Change

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 20
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Azimuth	Instructive			
1	Identity								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind								
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Skew/Tension Indications								
32	Sled Status								

Figure 6-1-4B. USN H-2 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from Combatants, Segment 4B - Final Close-In Approach

Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire

Rating Added By Pilot

Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

Definitions

Level

1 - Task Control

2 - Task Limit Warning

3 - Safety Limit Warning

Type

A - Error Direction

B - Error Magnitude

C - Error Rate-of-change

D - Chance in Error Rate-Of-Change

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS
		Speed/Long.	Vertical	Azimuth	Instrucive			
1	Identity							
2	Inbound Heading							
3	Base Recovery Course							
4	Ship Course Ambiguity							
5	Pattern Orientation							
6	Pattern Dimensions							
7	Relative Wind	30	30	30	30	19/1 (1.)	*Normally brief that optimum winds will be given in this situation or ship will link to you for safety sake, usually not that concerned with wind. Vert not 3. Power not a problem with both engines functioning. Rate & rate change. Wave-off information for this phase is critical since you are close in to landing area. This phase terminates in hover so it is a most critical area regarding vehicle changes and closure rates.	(1.) Vertical (only 13/7) (2.) 4, Level #3C (3.) 20/0 (4.) 4, Level #3D (5.) 5, Level #3D (6.) 3, Level #3D (7.) 3, Level #3D (8.) 7, Level #2 (9.) 1, Level #3C Speed/Long. (10.) 2, Level #28 (All) (11.) 3, Level #2C Vertical (12.) 7, Level #38 (13.) 1, Level #38 Vertical
8	Signal Delta/Charlie							
9	Range							
10	Range Rate							
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone							
12	Lateral Tracking Error	20				16/4 (2.)		
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error							
14	Range Milestone	30	30	30		20/0 (3.)		
15	Obstacle Clearance					14/6 (4.)		
16	Relative Altitude					15/5 (5.)		
17	Longitudinal Hover Position	20				15/5 (6.)		
18	Lateral Hover Position					17/3 (7.)		
19	Hover Azimuth Error					11/9 (8.)		
20	Deck Status					20/0 (9.)		
21	Ship Motion	20	20	20		20/0		
22	Wave Off					17/3 (10.)		
23	Horizontal Reference	10	10	10		17/3 (11.)		
24	Hover Height					11/9 (12.)		
25	Closure Rate Error					19/1 (13.)		
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	20	1A	20				
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
27	Density Altitude							
28	VERTREP Load Data							
29	Aircraft Separation							
30	HFR Status							
31	Slew/Tension Indications							
32	Sled Status							

Figure 6-1-5. USN H-2 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from Combatants, Segment 5 - Hover

- Definitions
- Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire
- Rating Added By Pilot
- Rating Provided In Evaluation Report
- Type
- A - Error Direction
- B - Error Magnitude
- C - Error Rate-of-Change
- D - Change in Error Rate-Of-Change

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 20
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Asimuth	Instructive			
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind								
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.									
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Skew/Tension Indications								
32	Slid Status								

Figure 6-1-6. USN H-2 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from Combatants, Segment 6 - Vertical Landing

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Azimuth			
1	Identity							
2	Inbound Heading							
3	Base Recovery Course							
4	Ship Course Ambiguity							
5	Pattern Orientation							
6	Pattern Dimensions							
7	Relative Wind	3/1	3/1	3/1	3/1	4/0 (1.)		
8	Signal Delta/Charlie							
9	Range							
10	Range Rate							
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone							
12	Lateral Tracking Error							
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error							
14	Range Milestone	3/1	3/1	3/1	3/1	4/0		(1.) 0, Level 3B Vertical (Not Validated)
15	Obstacle Clearance	3/1	3/1	3/1	3/1			(2.) 1, Level #2D Speed/Long'l.
16	Relative Altitude	3/1	3/1	3/1	3/1			(3.) 1, Level #2D Lateral
17	Longitudinal Hover Position	3/1	3/1	3/1	3/1			(4.) 1, Level #2C Speed/Long'l.
18	Lateral Hover Position	3/1	3/1	3/1	3/1			1, Level #2C Azimuth
19	Hover Azimuth Error	3/1	3/1	3/1	3/1			1, Level #1B Azimuth
20	Deck Status	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2			(5.) 3, Level 2 Lateral, Speed/Long'l. & Vertical
21	Ship Motion	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2			
22	Wave Off	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2			
23	Horizontal Reference	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1			
24	Hover Height	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1			
25	Closure Rate Error	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2			
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments							
	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.							
27	Density Altitude							
28	VERTREP Load Data							
29	Aircraft Separation							
30	HIFR Status							
31	Skew/Tension Indications							
32	Sled Status							

Figure 6-2-1. USN H-2 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - HIFR, Segment 5 - Hover



ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 3
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l	Vertical	Azimuth				
1	Identity								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind	3B	3B	3B	3B	3/0			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error	2C				2/1			
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance	3B	3B	3B	3B	3/0			
16	Relative Altitude	2C				2/1			
17	Longitudinal Hover Position					2/1			
18	Lateral Hover Position	2B				2/1			
19	Hover Azimuth Error					1/2			
20	Deck Status (HIFR Status)	2C	2C	2B	1	3/0			
21	Ship Motion					1/2			
22	Wave Off					3/0			
23	Horizontal Reference	1B				3/0			
24	Hover Height					1/2			
25	Closure Rate Error					2/1			
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	2B	1B	2A		1/2	(1.)		
	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Stow/Tension Indications								
32	Sled Status								

Figure 6-3-1. USN H-46 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - HIFR, Segment 5 - Hover

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 9
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Azimuth				
1	Identify					7/2			
2	Inbound Heading					9/0			
3	Base Recovery Course					9/0			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					9/0			
5	Pattern Orientation					8/1			
6	Pattern Dimensions					9/0			
7	Relative Wind					9/0			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					6/3			
9	Range					9/0			
10	Range Rate					9/0			
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude					1/-			
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error					9/0			
20	Deck Status					2/-			
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					6/3			
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data					2/-			
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HIFR Status								
32	Skew/Tension Indications								
33	Slid Status								

Figure 6-4-1. USN H-46 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from Auxiliaries, Segment 1 - Homing

Definitions

Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire  
Rating Added By Pilot  
Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

Level  
1 - Task Control  
2 - Task Limit Warning  
3 - Safety Limit Warning

Type  
A - Error Direction  
B - Error Magnitude  
C - Error Rate-of-change  
D - Chance in Error Rate-Of-Change

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS
		Speed/Long'l	Vertical	Azimuth	Instructive			
1	Identity							
2	Inbound Heading							
3	Base Recovery Course					9/0		
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					9/0		
5	Pattern Orientation					9/0		
6	Pattern Dimensions					9/0		
7	Relative Wind					9/0		
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					7/2		
9	Range					9/0		
10	Range Rate					8/1		
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone					9/0		
12	Lateral Tracking Error							
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error							
14	Range Milestone							
15	Obstacle Clearance					2/-		
16	Relative Altitude					1/-		
17	Longitudinal Hover Position							
18	Lateral Hover Position							
19	Hover Azimuth Error							
20	Deck Status					9/0		
21	Ship Motion							
22	Wave Off							
23	Horizontal Reference							
24	Hover Height							
25	Closure Rate Error							
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					9/0		
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
27	Density Altitude							
28	VERTREP Load Data							
29	Aircraft Separation							
30	HIFR Status							
31	Skew/Tension Indications							
32	Sled Status							

Figure 6-4-2. USN H-46 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Auxiliaries, Segment 2 - Orientation

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 9
		Speed/Longitudinal	Azimuth	Instruative	Vertical				
1	Identity					1/-			
2	Inbound Heading					2/-			
3	Base Recovery Course					9/			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					1/-			
5	Pattern Orientation					9/0			
6	Pattern Dimensions					9/0			
7	Relative Wind					8/1			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					8/1			
9	Range					9/0			
10	Range Rate					9/0			
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone					9/0			
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance					1/-			
16	Relative Altitude					2/-	(1.)	May be included in flt. instr. warning.	(1.) 1, Level 1 1, Level 3, Vertical
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error					9/0			
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion					1/-			
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height					1/-			
25	Closure Rate Error					1/-			
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					9/0			
	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data					1/-			
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Slew/Tension Indications								
32	Sled Status								

Figure 6-4-3. USN H-46 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Auxiliaries, Segment 3 - Initial Approach

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS			NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 9
		Speed/Longitudinal	Altitude	Inertial				
1	Identity				2/-			
2	Inbound Heading				2/-			
3	Base Recovery Course				1/-			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity				1/-			
5	Pattern Orientation				1/-			
6	Pattern Dimensions							
7	Relative Wind				8/1			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie				2/-			
9	Range				2/-			
10	Range Rate							
11	Time-To-Turn Milestones							
12	Lateral Tracking Error				9/0			
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error				8/1			
14	Range Milestones				9/0			
15	Obstacle Clearance				2/-			
16	Relative Altitude				2/-			
17	Longitudinal Hover Position							
18	Lateral Hover Position							
19	Hover Altitude Error							
20	Deck Status				9/0			
21	Ship Motion							
22	Wave Off				9/0			
23	Horizontal Reference							
24	Hover Height							
25	Closure Rate Error							
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments				7/2			
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.				9/0			
28	Density Altitude							
29	VERTREP Load Data				1/-			
30	Aircraft Separation							
31	HFR Status							
32	Slew/Tension Indications							

Figure 6-4-4A. USN H-46 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from Auxiliaries, Segment 4A - Final Initial Approach

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Azimuth			
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="radio"/> Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire  <input type="triangle"/> Rating Added By Pilot  <input type="checkbox"/> Rating Provided In Evaluation Report                 </div> <div>                     Level                      1 - Task Control                      2 - Task Limit Warning                      3 - Safety Limit Warning                 </div> <div>                     Type                      A - Error Direction                      B - Error Magnitude                      C - Error Rate-of-change                      D - Change in Error Rate-Of-Change                 </div> </div>								
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>No. Of Pilots: 8</div> <div></div> </div>								
1	Identify							
2	Inbound Heading					8/0		
3	Base Recovery Course							
4	Ship Course Ambiguity							
5	Pattern Orientation							
6	Pattern Dimensions							
7	Relative Wind					7/1		
8	Signal Delay/Charlie					2/-		
9	Range							
10	Range Rate							
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone							
12	Lateral Tracking Error					8/0		
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error					8/0		
14	Range Milestone					2/-		
15	Obstacle Clearance					2/-		
16	Relative Altitude							
17	Longitudinal Hover Position							
18	Lateral Hover Position							
19	Hover Azimuth Error							
20	Deck Status							
21	Ship Motion							
22	Wave Off							
23	Horizontal Reference							
24	Hover Height							
25	Closure Rate Error							
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments							
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
27	Density Altitude							
28	VERTREP Load Data							
29	Aircraft Separation							
30	HIFR Status							
31	Shaw/Tension Indicators							
32	Slid Status							

Figure 6-4-4B. USN H-46 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from Auxiliaries, Segment 4B - Final Close-In Approach

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l	Vertical	Azimuth			
1	Identify							
2	Inbound Heading							
3	Base Recovery Course							
4	Ship Course Ambiguity							
5	Pattern Orientation							
6	Pattern Dimensions							
7	Relative Wind	3B	3B	3B	3B	9/0 (1.)		
8	Signal Delta/Charlie							
9	Range							
10	Range Rate							
11	Time To Turn Milestone							
12	Lateral Tracking Error	2C				9/0		
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error							
14	Range Milestone	3B	3B	3B		9/0	(1.) Except for 8/1 Azimuth	
15	Obstacle Clearance	3B	3B	3B		7/2	(2.) Except for 8/1 Speed/Long'l and 7/2 Vertical	
16	Relative Altitude							
17	Longitudinal Hover Position	2B				9/0	How fast must you initiate correction? Acceleration in alt. very critical here.	
18	Lateral Hover Position	2B				9/0		
19	Hover Azimuth Error				1B	6/3	*IRT VERTREP dash line requires little deviation in azimuth during hover. Landing too small or staged deck.	
20	Deck Status	2C	2C	2C		9/0		
21	Ship Motion	2C	2C	2C		9/0		
22	Wave Off				3	6/3		
23	Horizontal Reference	1B	1B	1B		9/0		
24	Hover Height					7/2		
25	Closure Rate Error	2A					*closure rate accelerated?	
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	2B	1A	2B		9/0 (2.)	*Longitudinal just as important as lateral & vertical. Speed in close & transitions - VSI is still important part in hover & need vertical velocity information. Use VSI constantly!	
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.							
28	Density Altitude							
29	VERTREP Load Data							
30	Aircraft Separation							
31	HIFR Status							
32	Slew/Tension Indications							

Figure 6-4-5. USN H-46 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from Auxiliaries, Segment 5 - Hover

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 9
		Level	Speed/Long 1'	Vertical	Azimuth				
1	Identity								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind					9/0			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance					9/0 (1.)			
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position					9/0			
18	Lateral Hover Position					9/0			
19	Hover Azimuth Error					7/2			
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion					8/1 (2.)			
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference					9/0			
24	Hover Height					9/0			
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HIFB Status								
32	Skew/Tension Indications								
33	Sled Status								

Figure 6-4-6. USN H-46 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from Auxiliaries, Segment 6 - Vertical Landing



Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire  
Rating Added By Pilot  
Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

Definitions  
Level  
1 - Task Control  
2 - Task Limit Warning  
3 - Safety Limit Warning

Type  
A - Error Direction  
B - Error Magnitude  
C - Error Rate-of-change  
D - Change in Error Rate-Of-Change

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Azimuth	Ineffective		
1	Identify					4/3		
2	Inbound Heading					7/0	Becomes critical on long flights.	
3	Base Recovery Course					7/0		
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					7/0		
5	Pattern Orientation					5/2	Basic to relative wind.	
6	Pattern Dimensions					7/0		
7	Relative Wind					6/1	Becomes important when load limits air speed. Necessary for mission planning. Time required to satisfactorily act. Load related consideration. CRS alteration. May require determination of latter time vs. task. Depends on fuel state at start of approach.	
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					5/2		
9	Range					7/0		
10	Range Rate					7/0		
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone							
12	Lateral Tracking Error							
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error							
14	Range Milestone							
15	Obstacle Clearance							
16	Relative Altitude							(1.) Except for 4/3 Lateral
17	Longitudinal Hover Position							" 5/2 Vertical
18	Lateral Hover Position							(2.) 4, Level #1
19	Hover Azimuth Error							1, Level #2
20	Deck Status					7/0		
21	Ship Motion					2/-		
22	Wave Off							
23	Horizontal Reference							
24	Hover Height							
25	Closure Rate Error							
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments Special Info. Req'd. Cat.					7/0 (1.)		
27	Density Altitude							
28	VERTREP Load Data					5/-	*Need to know for mission. Load weight limitations.	
29	Aircraft Separation							
30	HIFR Status							
31	Shew/Tension Indications							
32	Sled Status							

Figure 6-5-1. USN H-46 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from Combatants, Segment 1 - Homing

Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire  
Rating Added By Pilot  
Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

Definitions  
Level  
1 - Task Control  
2 - Task Limit Warning  
3 - Safety Limit Warning

Type  
A - Error Direction  
B - Error Magnitude  
C - Error Rate-of-change  
D - Chance In Error Rate-Of-Change

ITEM	RATINGS					NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots
	Information Requirement Categories	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Azimuth	Inertive				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind								
8	Signal Deltas/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFB Status								
31	Skew/Tension Indications								
32	Sled Status								

Figure 6-5-2. USN H-46 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Combatants, Segment 2 - Orientation

ITEM	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 6
	Vertical	Speed/Long.	Airworth	Instructive				
1 Identity					1/-			
2 Inbound Heading					2/-	Required to determine pattern to fly.		
3 Base Recovery Course					6/0	Required for pattern orientation.		
4 Ship Course Ambiguity					5/1	Plan pattern.		
5 Pattern Orientation					6/0			
6 Pattern Dimensions					3/3			
7 Relative Wind					5/1	Plan Pattern. May require pattern adjustment. May determine VERTREP final approach parameters.		
8 Signal Data/Charlie					6/0			
9 Range					6/0			
10 Range Rate					6/0			
11 Time-To-Turn Milestone					6/0	May be required when adjusting pattern.		
12 Lateral Tracking Error								
13 Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14 Range Milestone								
15 Obstacle Clearance					3/-	Extended leg increases clearance required.		
16 Relative Altitude					1/-			
17 Longitudinal Hover Position								
18 Lateral Hover Position								
19 Hover Azimuth Error					6/0			
20 Deck Status								
21 Ship Motion					1/-			
22 Wave Off								
23 Horizontal Reference								
24 Hover Height					1/-			
25 Closure Rate Error					1/-			
26 Aircraft Flight Instruments					6/0			
Special Info. Req'd. Cont.								
27 Density Altitude								
28 VERTREP Load Data					1/-			
29 Aircraft Separation								
30 HIFR Status								
31 Slew/Tension Indications								
32 Sled Status								

Figure 6-5-3. USN H-46 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements  
Operating from Combatants, Segment 3 - Initial Approach

ITEM	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 7
	Information Requirement Categories	Speed/Altitude	Vertical	Horizontal				
1	Identify							
2	Inbound Heading				2/-			
3	Base Recovery Course				1/-			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity				1/-			
5	Pattern Orientation				1/-			
6	Pattern Dimensions							
7	Relative Wind				4/3			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie				2/-			
9	Range				1/-			
10	Range Rate							
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone							
12	Lateral Tracking Error				7/0			
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error				7/0			
14	Range Milestones				7/0			
15	Obstacle Clearance				2/-			
16	Relative Altitude				2/-			
17	Longitudinal Hover Position							
18	Lateral Hover Position							
19	Hover Azimuth Error							
20	Deck Status				7/0			
21	Ship Motion							
22	Wave Off				6/1			
23	Horizontal Reference							
24	Hover Height							
25	Closure Rate Error				5/2			
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments				7/0			
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.							
28	Density Altitude							
29	VERTREP Load Data				2/-			
30	Aircraft Separation							
31	HIPR Status							
32	Slow/Tension Indications							

Figure 6-5-4A. USN H-46 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Combatants, Segment 4A - Final Initial Approach

Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire  
 Rating Added By Pilot  
 Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

Definitions  
 Level  
 1 - Task Control  
 2 - Task Limit Warning  
 3 - Safety Limit Warning

Type  
 A - Error Direction  
 B - Error Magnitude  
 C - Error Rate-of-change  
 D - Chance In Error Rate-Of-Change

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 7
		Latent	Speed/Load	Vertical	Azimuth	Instruive			
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Beam Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind								
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.									
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIR Status								
31	Skew/Tension Indications								
32	Slid Status								

Figure 6-5-48. USN H-46 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from Combatants, Segment 48 - Final Close-In Approach

ITEM	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 7
	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES							
	Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Maneuvering				
1 Identity								
2 Inbound Heading								
3 Base Recovery Course								
4 Ship Course Ambiguity								
5 Pattern Orientation								
6 Pattern Dimensions								
7 Relative Wind	3	3	3	3	6/1	Important in picking up load.		
8 Signal Delta/Charlie								
9 Range								
10 Range Rate								
11 Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12 Lateral Tracking Error	2				6/1			
13 Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14 Range Milestone	3	3	3		6/1	VERTREP load additional consideration.		
15 Obstacle Clearance					7/0			
16 Relative Altitude					6/1	Depends on location of load.		
17 Longitudinal Hover Position	2				6/1	For pick up/drop.		
18 Lateral Hover Position	2				5/2			
19 Hover Azimuth Error					2/5			
20 Deck Status					7/0			
21 Ship Motion	2	2	2	3	4/3			
22 Wave Off					7/0			
23 Horizontal Reference	1	1	1		3/4			
24 Hover Height					4/3	External load a factor. Closure rate paramount in VERTREP approach.		
25 Closure Rate Error	2	1	2		7/0			
26 Aircraft Flight Instruments	2	1	2					
27 Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28 Density Altitude								
29 VERTREP Load Data					3/4	Ability to pick up load. Weight of load to be picked up essential.		
30 Aircraft Separation								
31 HFR Status								
32 Slew/Tension Indications								
32 Sled Status								

Figure 6-5-5. USN H-46 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Combatants, Segment 5 - Hover

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 9
		Level	Speed/Long	Vertical	Azimuth				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind					9/0 (1.)	Wind across deck important w/external load. Important to pick up load.		
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone						19. Tandem rotor consideration. Picking up loads near T line. Must be directly over dash line on some drop zones.		
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance					9/0 (2.)	Tandem rotor & external load consideration. Depends on load location-drop location. Tandem rotor & external load consideration.	(1.) Except for B/- Azimuth.	
16	Relative Altitude							(2.) Except for 7/2 Azimuth	
17	Longitudinal Hover Position					5/4		(3.) 3, Level #3C Azimuth	
18	Lateral Hover Position					6/3	Tandem rotor & external load consideration. Depends on load location-drop location. Tandem rotor & external load consideration.	3, Level #18 Azimuth	
19	Hover Azimuth Error					9/0 (3.)		1, Level #28 Azimuth	
20	Deck Status					2/-	Motion will limit how low hover can be for hook up.	1, Level #28 Azimuth	
21	Ship Motion					6/3		1, Level #28 Azimuth	
22	Wave Off					2/-		1, Level #28 Azimuth	
23	Horizontal Reference					7/2		(4.) 3, Level #2D	
24	Hover Height							2, Level #2D	
25	Closure Rate Error					9/0 (4.)	VERTREP load height above deck critical and we need acceleration and cues during approach. Flight instruments are monitored by pilot not flying.	3, Level #3D	
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments Special Info. Req'd. Cat.							1, Level #3	
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data					2/-	Important during load pick up. Instructive info required - type load, weight, size, shape & density.		
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Slew/Tendon Indications								
32	Sled Status								

Figure 6-5-6. USN H-46 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from Combatants, Segment 6 - Vertical Landing

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. OF PILOTS: 3
		Lateral	Speed/Long.	Vertical	Azimuth				
1	Identify					3/0			
2	Inbound Heading					3/0			
3	Base Recovery Course					3/0			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					3/0			
5	Pattern Orientation					3/0			
6	Pattern Dimensions					3/0			
7	Relative Wind					3/0			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					3/0			
9	Range					3/0			
10	Range Rate					3/0			
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status					3/0			
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					3/0			
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.									
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Skew/Tension Indications								
32	Slad Status								

Figure 6-6-1. USN H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from LPD's, Segment 1 - Homing



ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 3
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Asimuth				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course					3/0			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					3/0			
5	Pattern Orientation					3/0			
6	Pattern Dimensions					3/0			
7	Relative Wind					3/0			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					3/0			
9	Range					3/0			
10	Range Rate					3/0			
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone					3/0			
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status					3/0			
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					3/0			
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.									
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HFR Status								
31	Skew/Tendon Indications								
32	Slid Status								

Figure 6-6-2. USN H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPD's, Segment 2 - Orientation

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Plots: 3
		Lateral	Speed/Long <sup>1</sup>	Vertical	Altitude				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course				U	3/0			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity				U	3/0			
5	Pattern Orientation				U	3/0			
6	Pattern Dimensions				U	3/0			
7	Relative Wind				U	3/0			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie				U	3/0			
9	Range				U	3/0			
10	Range Rate				U	3/0			
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone				U	3/0			
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status				U	3/0			
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	U	U	U	U	3/0			
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.									
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HFR Status								
31	Stow/Tension Indications								
32	Slid Status								

## Definitions

- ☐ Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire  
☐ Rating Added By Pilot  
☐ Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

- Level  
 1 - Task Control  
 2 - Task Limit Warning  
 3 - Safety Limit Warning

- Type  
 A - Error Direction  
 B - Error Magnitude  
 C - Error Rate-of-change  
 D - Chance in Error Rate-Of-Change

Figure 6-6-3. USN H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from LPD's, Segment 3 - Initial Approach

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 3
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Intrusive				
1	Identity								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind								
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HIFR Status								
32	Skew/Tension Indications								
33	Shed Status								

Figure 6-6-4A. USN H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPD's, Segment 4A - Final Initial Approach

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 3
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Azimuth	Instru-tive				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course					3/0			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind					3/0			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error	28				3/0			
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error		30			3/0			
14	Range Milestone					3/0			
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status					3/0			
21	Ship Motion					3/0			
22	Wave Off					3/0			
23	Horizontal Reference	10	10			3/0			
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error	28				2/1			
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	10	10	10		3/0			
	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Shew/Tension Indications								
32	Sled Status								

Figure 6-6-4B. USN H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from LPD's, Segment 4B - Final Close-In Approach

Definitions

Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire  
 Rating Added By Pilot  
 Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

Type  
 A - Error Direction  
 B - Error Magnitude  
 C - Error Rate-of-change  
 D - Change In Error Rate-Of-Change

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 3
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l	Vertical	Azimuth				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind	3	3	3	3	3/0			
8	Signal Delay/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error	2				3/0			
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestones								
15	Obstacle Clearance	3	3	3		3/0			
16	Relative Altitude	3	3	3		3/0			
17	Longitudinal Hover Position	2				3/0			
18	Lateral Hover Position	2				3/0			
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status	2	2	3		3/0			
21	Ship Motion	2	2	3		3/0			
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference	1	1	1		3/0			
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error					2/1			
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	2	1	2		3/0			
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.									
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HFR Status								
31	Shew/Tension Indications								
32	Slud Status								

Figure 6-6-5. USN H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
 Operating from LPD's, Segment 5 - Hover

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	Type Of Pilot: 3
		Definitions							
		Level	Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire	Rating Added By Pilot	Rating Provided In Evaluation Report				
1	Identity								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind								
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestones								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HFR Status								
32	Stow/Tension Indications								

Figure 6-6-6. USN H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from LPD's, Segment 6 - Vertical Landing

☐ Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire  
☐ Rating Added By Pilot  
☐ Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

**Definitions**  
Level  
1 - Task Control  
2 - Task Limit Warning  
3 - Safety Limit Warning

**Type**  
A - Error Direction  
B - Error Magnitude  
C - Error Rate-of-change  
D - Change in Error Rate-Of-Change

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 1
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Altitude				
1	Identity								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind					1/0			
8	Signal Delay/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestones								
15	Obstacle Clearance					1/0			
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position					1/0			
18	Lateral Hover Position					1/0			
19	Hover Azimuth Error					1/0			
20	Deck Status					1/0			
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference					1/0			
24	Hover Height					1/0			
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					1/0			
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.									
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Slew/Tension Indications					1/0			
32	Sled Status								

Figure 6-7-1. USN H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
MK 105 SLED, Hook-Up Maneuver A

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Azimuth				
1	Identity								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind	28				1/0			
8	Signal Data/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance	30				1/0			
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position		30			1/0			
19	Hover Azimuth Error					1/0			
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference	18	18	18		1/0			
24	Hover Height			30		1/0			
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments				0	1/0			
	Special Info. Req'd. Cor.								
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Slew/Tension Indications	28	28			1/0			
32	Sled Status								

## Definitions

☐ Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire  
☐ Rating Added By Pilot  
☐ Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

Level  
 1 - Task Control  
 2 - Task Limit Warning  
 3 - Safety Limit Warning

Type  
 A - Error Direction  
 B - Error Magnitude  
 C - Error Rate-of-change  
 D - Chance in Error Rate-Of-Change

Figure 6-7-2. USN H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
MK 105 SLED, Hook-Up Maneuver B



ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 3
		Level	Speed/Long %	Vertical	Instru/Azim				
1	Identify					3/0			
2	Inbound Heading					3/0			
3	Base Recovery Course					3/0			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					3/0			
5	Pattern Orientation					3/0			
6	Pattern Dimensions					3/0			
7	Relative Wind					3/0			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					3/0			
9	Range					3/0			
10	Range Rate					3/0			
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status					3/0			
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					3/0			
	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HFR Status								
31	Skew/Tension Indications								
32	Sled Status								

Figure 6-8-1. USN H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPD's and Towing MK 105 SLED, Segment 1 - Homing

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 3
		Lateral	Speed/Long	Vertical	Azimuth				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course					3/0			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					3/0			
5	Pattern Orientation	1/2	?						
6	Pattern Dimensions					3/0			
7	Relative Wind	1/2	?						
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					3/0			
9	Range					3/0			
10	Range Rate					3/0			
11	Time-To-Turn Milestones					3/0			
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestones								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error					3/0			
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	10	10	10		3/0			
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VECTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HIFR Status								
32	Skew/Tension Indications	10	10	10		3/0			
33	Sled Status								

Figure 6-8-2. USN H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPD's and Towing MK 105 SLED, Segment 2 - Orientation

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 3
		Lateral	Speed/Longitudinal	Vertical	Intrusive				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind								
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.									
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Skew/Tension Indications								
32	Sled Status								

Figure 6-8-3. USN H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPD's and Towing MK 105 SLED, Segment 3 - Initial Approach

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 3
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l	Vertical	Azimuth				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind	3B	3B	3B	3B	3/0			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error	2C				3/0			
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance	3B	3B	3B	3C	3/0			
16	Relative Altitude					3/0			
17	Longitudinal Hover Position					3/0			
18	Lateral Hover Position	2B				3/0			
19	Hover Azimuth Error				2B	3/0			
20	Deck Status				1	3/0			
21	Ship Motion				3	3/0			
22	Wave Off	2C	2C	2C		3/0			
23	Horizontal Reference	1B	1B	1B		3/0			
24	Hover Height					3/0			
25	Closure Rate Error				1C	3/0			
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	2B	2B	2B		3/0			
Special Info. Req'd. Cal.									
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Slew/Tension Indications	3B	3B			3/0			
32	Slid Status								

Figure 6-8-4. USN H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPD's and Towing MK 105 SLED, Segment 4 - Hover

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 3
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Altitude	Instru-tive				
1	Identity								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind								
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					3/0			
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance					3/0			
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position					3/0			
18	Lateral Hover Position					3/0			
19	Hover Azimuth Error					3/0			
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion					3/0			
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference					3/0			
24	Hover Height					3/0			
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Stow/Tension Indications								
32	Sled Status								

Figure 6-8-5. USN H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPD's and Towing MK 105 SLED, Segment 5 - Vertical Landing

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 1
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l	Vertical	Instructional				
1	Identify					1/0			
2	Inbound Heading					1/0			
3	Base Recovery Course					1/0			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					1/0			
5	Pattern Orientation					1/0			
6	Pattern Dimensions					1/0			
7	Relative Wind					1/0			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					1/0			
9	Range					1/0			
10	Range Rate					1/0			
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude					1/0			
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error					1/0			
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					1/0			
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.									
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HFR Status								
31	Slew/Tension Indications					1/0			
32	Sled Status								

Figure 6-9-1. USN H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
MK 105 SLED Recovery, Segment 1 - Homing

Definitions

Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire  
Rating Added By Pilot  
Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

Type  
A - Error Direction  
B - Error Magnitude  
C - Error Rate-of-change  
D - Chance in Error Rate-Of-Change

Level  
1 - Task Control  
2 - Task Limit Warning  
3 - Safety Limit Warning

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots
		Lateral	Speed/Long <sup>1</sup>	Vertical	Asimuth				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course					1/0			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					1/0			
5	Pattern Orientation	1B				1/0			
6	Pattern Dimensions					1/0			
7	Relative Wind	1B				1/0			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					1/0			
9	Range					1/0			
10	Range Rate					1/0			
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance					1/0			
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error					1/0			
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error					1/0			
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	1C 1B 1C							
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.									
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HPR Status								
31	Skew/Tension Indications	1C 1B 1C				1/0			
32	Sted Status								

Figure 6-9-2. USN H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
MK 105 SLED Recovery, Segment 2 - Orientation

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 1
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l	Vertical	Asimuth				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind					1/0			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error	28				1/0			
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error					1/0	*Approach will be flat @ 100'.		
14	Range Milestone					1/0			
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude					1/0			
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status					1/0			
21	Ship Motion					1/0			
22	Wave Off					1/0			
23	Horizontal Reference	10	10			1/0			
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error	10	10			1/0			
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	10	10	10		1/0			
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.									
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Slew/Tension Indications	31	31			1/0			
32	Slad Status					1/0	*Fault boom up, turbine shut down.		

Figure 6-9-3. USN H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
MK 105 SLED Recovery, Segment 3 - Initial Approach



ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 1
		Lateral	Speed/Long %	Vertical	Azimuth				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind	30	30	30	30	1/0			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error	20				1/0			
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance	30	30	30	30	1/0			
16	Relative Altitude					1/0			
17	Longitudinal Hover Position					1/0			
18	Lateral Hover Position	20				1/0			
19	Hover Azimuth Error				20	1/0			
20	Deck Status				10	1/0			
21	Ship Motion	20	20	20	20	1/0			
22	Wave Off				30	1/0			
23	Horizontal Reference	10	10	10	10	1/0			
24	Hover Height				10	1/0			
25	Closure Rate Error	20	20	20	20	1/0			
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	20	20	20	20	1/0			
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HIFR Status	30	30			1/0			
32	Skew/Tendon Indications								
33	Slid Status								

Figure 6-9-4. USN H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
MK 105 SLED Recovery, Segment 4 - Final Approach

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots:
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l	Vertical	Infective				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind					1/0			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone					1/0			
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position					1/0			
18	Lateral Hover Position					1/0			
19	Hover Azimuth Error					1/0			
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion					1/0			
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference					1/0			
24	Hover Height					1/0			
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFB Status								
31	Slew/Tension Indications								
32	Slid Status								

Figure 6-9-5. USN H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
MK 105 SLED Recovery, Segment 5 - Hover

Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire

Rating Added By Pilot

Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

Definitions

Level

1 - Task Control

2 - Task Limit Warning

3 - Safety Limit Warning

Type

A - Error Direction

B - Error Magnitude

C - Error Rate-of-change

D - Change in Error Rate-of-Change

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS
		Longitudinal	Vertical	Azimuth	Lat/Long			
1	Identify					25/3		
2	Inbound Heading					27/1		
3	Base Recovery Course					28/0		
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					28/0		
5	Pattern Orientation					28/0		
6	Pattern Dimensions					28/0		
7	Relative Wind					27/1		
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					28/0		
9	Range					27/1		
10	Range Rate					28/0		
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone							
12	Lateral Tracking Error							
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error							
14	Range Milestone							
15	Obstacle Clearance							
16	Relative Altitude							
17	Longitudinal Hover Position							
18	Lateral Hover Position							
19	Hover Aimpoint Error							
20	Deck Status					28/0		
21	Ship Motion					5/-		
22	Wave Off							
23	Horizontal Reference							
24	Hover Height							
25	Closure Rate Error					28/0		
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments Special Info. Req'd. Cat.							
27	Descent Altitude							
28	VERTREP Load Data							
29	Aircraft Separation							
30	HFR Status							
31	Slow/Tension Indications							
32	Slid Status							

Figure 6-10-1. MC UH-1/AH-1 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 1 - Homing

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 28
		Level	Speed/Long.	Altitude	Maneuver				
1	Identify					1/-			
2	Inbound Heading	1A				1/-			
3	Base Recovery Course					24/4	Determines flight pattern, turn to down wind, etc.		
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					28/0			
5	Pattern Orientation					25/3	Wrong patterns cause wave-off & confusion.		
6	Pattern Dimensions					27/1	Safe areas - clear.		
7	Relative Wind					28/0			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					26/2	Fuel considerations will increase this.		
9	Range					26/2	Obstacle free.		
10	Range Rate					27/1			
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone					27/1			
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status					28/0			
21	Ship Motion					2/-	Helos plan final.		
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					27/1			
	Special Info. Req'd, Cat.								
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HFR Status								
31	Stow/Tension Indications								
32	Stow Status								

Figure 6-10-2. MC UH-1/AH-1 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 2 - Orientation

ITEM	RATINGS					INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 28
	Definitions									
	Level	Type	Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire	Rating Added By Pilot	Rating Provided In Evaluation Report					
1						Identify	3/-			
2						Inbound Heading	2/-			
3						Base Recovery Course	25/3			
4						Ship Course Ambiguity	2/-			
5						Pattern Orientation	26/2			
6						Pattern Dimensions	27/1			
7						Relative Wind	28/0			
8						Signal Delta/Charlie	27/1			
9						Bango Rate	26/2			
10						Bango Rate	28/0			
11						Time-To-Turn Milestone	26/2			
12						Lateral Tracking Error				
13						Approach Slope Tracking Error				
14						Bango Milestone				
15						Obstacle Clearance				
16						Relative Altitude				
17						Longitudinal Hover Position				
18						Lateral Hover Position				
19						Hover Azimuth Error				
20						Deck Status	28/0			
21						Ship Motion	2/-			
22						Wave Off	2/-			
23						Horizontal Reference				
24						Hover Height				
25						Closest Rate Error				
26						Aircraft Flight Instruments	28/0			
27						Special Info. Req'd. Cat.				
28						Descent Altitude				
29						VERTREP Load Data				
30						Aircraft Separation				
31						HFR Status				
32						Shore/Terrain Indications				
33						Slid Status				

Figure 6-10-3. MC UH-1/AH-1 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 3 - Initial Approach

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 28
		Level							
		Longitudinal	Vertical	Azimuth	Intrusive				
1	Identify					2/- (1.)			
2	Inbound Heading					3/-			
3	Base Recovery Course					3/-			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					1/-			
5	Pattern Orientation					2/-			
6	Pattern Dimensions					27/1			
7	Relative Wind					5/-	Wind blowing at tail if aircraft could cause a wave-off or missed approaches. Nice to know - could have a wave-off.		
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					2/-	8. Continuous		
9	Range					4/-	9. For indication of possible wave-off.		
10	Range Rate					28/0			
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone					27/1			
12	Lateral Tracking Error					28/0			
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error					28/0			
14	Range Milestone					2/-			
15	Obstacle Clearance					2/-			
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status					28/0			
21	Ship Motion					1/-			
22	Wave Off					28/0			
23	Horizontal Reference					5/-			
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error					28/0			
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					28/0 (2.)	Closure rate may not be available. 280 position is critical and speed has to be controlled.		
	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HFR Status								
31	Stow/Tension Indications								
32	Slid Status								

Figure 6-10-4A. MC UH-1/AH-1 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 4A - Final Initial Approach

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 28
		Speed/Long %	Vertical	Horizontal	Instructive				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Inbound Recovery Course					28/0			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind					27/1	7: As approach progresses, relative wind becomes critical with respect to closure.		
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					4/-	-Continuous-		
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone					1/-			
12	Lateral Tracking Error					28/0		(1.) 3, Level #2 Instructive	
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error					28/0		(2.) 1, Level #1	
14	Range Milestones					27/1		(3.) 2, Level #1 Instructive	
15	Obstacle Clearance					6/-		1, Level #28 Vertical	
16	Relative Altitude					2/-			
17	Longitudinal Hover Position					3/-			
18	Lateral Hover Position					3/-			
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status					25/3			
21	Ship Motion					2/-			
22	Wave Off					28/0			
23	Horizontal Reference					28/0			
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error					23/5			
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					28/0			
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HFR Status								
32	Skew/Tension Indications								

Figure 6-10-4B. MC UH-1/AH-1 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 4B - Final Close-In Approach

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 28
		Level	Speed/Long <sup>1</sup>	Vertical	Azimuth				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind								
8	Signal Data/Charlie					27/1 (1.)	Should have been considered before now. Wave-off should be made at this point if the information is not available. Must improve at this stage. Roll rate too.		
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error					28/0			
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance					28/0			
16	Relative Altitude					28/0			
17	Longitudinal Hover Position					28/0			
18	Lateral Hover Position					28/0			
19	Hover Azimuth Error					28/0			
20	Deck Status					21/7			
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off					28/0			
23	Horizontal Reference					27/1			
24	Hover Height					27/1			
25	Closure Rate Error					25/3			
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					28/0 (2.)			
	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Skew/Tension Indications								
32	Sled Status								

Figure 6-10-5. MC UH-1/AH-1 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 5 - Hover



ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 28
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Maneuver				
1	Identity								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind	3	3	3	3	28/0			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone	3	3	3	3	28/0		(1.) Except for 27/1 Lateral, and 25/3 Speed/Long'l.	
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position	3				28/0			
18	Lateral Hover Position	3				28/0			
19	Hover Azimuth Error					25/3			
20	Deck Status					1/-			
21	Ship Motion	2	2	2	2	28/0 (1.)		*From hover to set down, all info has been used only visual ref used to feel for ground. *Tremendous impact on ability to land without damage.	
22	Wave Off					1/-			
23	Horizontal Reference	1	1	1	1	27/1		*Visual cues must be available.	
24	Hover Height					26/2		*Ship motion - control of descent.	
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments Special Info. Req'd. Cal.								
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Slow/Tension Indications								
32	Slid Status								

Figure 6-10-6. MC UH-1/AH-1 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 6 - Vertical Landing

**Definitions**

☐ Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire  
☐ Rating Added By Pilot  
☐ Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

**Level**  
 1 - Task Control  
 2 - Task Limit Warning  
 3 - Safety Limit Warning

**Type**  
 A - Error Direction  
 B - Error Magnitude  
 C - Error Rate-of-change  
 D - Change in Error Rate-Of-Change

ITEM	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS
	Lateral	Speed/Long'l	Vertical	Azimuth			
1 Identity					9/10		
2 Inbound Heading	10				14/5	Critical. We need instruction & a visual slope indicator on the ship. Must know fuel or combat situation. Critical. Need to identify ship to follow heading. Primary consideration is the correct ship selection.	
3 Base Recovery Course					17/2		
4 Ship Course Ambiguity					17/2		
5 Pattern Orientation					15/4	Occasionally. Several marshall points. Critical if you have multiple flights.	
6 Pattern Dimensions					19/0	Nice to know.	
7 Relative Wind					17/2	Nice to know.	
8 Signal Delta/Charlie					19/0	Nice to know.	
9 Range					16/3	Nice to know. Critical if low fuel state or multiple flights.	
10 Range Rate					18/1	Critical due to fuel reqmts.	
11 Time-To-Turn Milestone							
12 Lateral Tracking Error							
13 Approach Slope Tracking Error							
14 Range Milestone							
15 Obstacle Clearance							
16 Relative Altitude							
17 Longitudinal Hover Position							
18 Lateral Hover Position							
19 Hover Azimuth Error							
20 Deck Status					16/3	If fouled - estimate time delay. Foul deck? Don't need while homing. Like to know.	
21 Ship Motion					1/-		
22 Wave Off					1/-		
23 Horizontal Reference							
24 Hover Height							
25 Closure Rate Error							
26 Aircraft Flight Instruments					18/1	Nice to know.	
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.							
27 Density Altitude							
28 VERTREP Load Data							
29 Aircraft Separation					1/-	If multi-aircraft operations.	
30 HIFR Status							
31 Slow/Tension Indications							
32 Slow Status							

Figure 6-11-1. MC H-46 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 1 - Homing

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 19
		Local	Speed/Long/Altitude	Vertical	Intrusive				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind								
8	Signal Data/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HIFR Status								
32	Skew/Tension Indications								
33	Sled Status								

Figure 6-11-2. MC H-46 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 2 - Orientation

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 19
		Lateral	Speed/Longitudinal	Vertical	Azimuth				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course					15/4	*Again for plan, Need for race track pattern. Accessory for landing.		
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					18/1			
5	Pattern Orientation					19/0	*For planning, Obstacle.		
6	Relative Wind					14/5	*Require winds necessary for landing.		
7	Signal Delta/Charlie					15/4	9.*Only as to too close aboard. Fuel consideration.		
8	Range					19/0	Need to know for plan.		
9	Range Rate					18/1	*Closure rate. More critical in terms of inter aircraft.		
10	Time-To-Turn Milestone					19/0	*Becomes more important for flights of aircraft.		
11	Lateral Tracking Error								
12	Approach Slope Tracking Error					3/- (1.)	*Downwind.		
13	Range Milestone								
14	Obstacle Clearance								
15	Relative Altitude							(1.) 2, Level 2	
16	Longitudinal Hover Position							1, Level 3	
17	Lateral Hover Position							1, Level 1	
18	Hover Azimuth Error							(2.) Except for 17/2 Vertical	
19	Deck Status					6/13	*Important to adjust flight pattern (i.e., reduce A/S, Foul deck if Δ must know. Can you land?)		
20	Ship Motion								
21	Wave Off								
22	Horizontal Reference								
23	Hover Height								
24	Closure Rate Error								
25	Aircraft Flight Instruments					19/0 (2.)			
26	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Slew/Tension Indications								
32	Sled Status								

Figure 6-11-3. MC H-46 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 3 - Initial Approach

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 19
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l	Vertical	Instructional				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind					14/5	*Determines L of bank. Still important.		
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error	28				19/0			
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error		38			17/2			
14	Range Milestone					18/1		(1.) Except for 16/4 Vertical	
15	Obstacle Clearance							" " " 17/2 Speed/Long'l.	
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	10	18	10		13/6			
	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.					19/0	(1.)	*Need a definite low warning system, easy to fly into water.	
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Slew/Tension Indications								
32	Slud Status								

Definitions

Level

1 - Task Control

2 - Task Limit Warning

3 - Safety Limit Warning

Type

A - Error Direction

B - Error Magnitude

C - Error Rate-of-change

D - Change in Error Rate-Of-Change

Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire

Rating Added By Pilot

Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

Figure 6-11-4A. MC H-46 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 4A - Final Initial Approach

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 19
		Definitions							
		Level	Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire	Rating Added By Pilot	Rating Provided In Evaluation Report				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course					19/0			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind					16/3			
8	Signal Delay/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error					19/0			
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error					18/1			
14	Range Milestone					18/1			
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	Skew/Tension Indications								
32	Slid Status								

Figure 6-11-4B. MC H-46 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 4B - Final Close-In Approach

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS
		Laterals	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Azimuth			
1	Identify							
2	Inbound Heading							
3	Loss Recovery Course							
4	Ship Course Ambiguity							
5	Pattern Orientation							
6	Pattern Discrepancies							
7	Relative Wind	3B	3B	3B	3B	17/2	Important that you receive it by 4A - once you get this info, you adjust your A/S and approach accordingly. Critical for closure rate - hover/yes.	
8	Signal Delta/Charlie							
9	Range							
10	Range Rate							
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone							
12	Lateral Tracking Error	2C				18/1		
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error							
14	Range Milestones							
15	Obstacle Clearance	3B	3B	3B		19/0 (1.)		(1.) Except for 18/1 Speed/Long'l.
16	Relative Altitude		3C			19/0		(2.) Except for 18/1 Vertical and Speed/Long'l.
17	Longitudinal Hover Position	2D				18/1		
18	Lateral Hover Position	2D				17/2	*Drop lights on side would be helpful.	
19	Hover Azimuth Error					16/3	*Most important at this stage.	
20	Deck Status				(1)	10/9	*Relation to other deck aircraft. Depends on other aircraft in vicinity as well as red & green deck.	
21	Ship Motion	2C	2C	2C		19/0	4 SE signal. Already know.	
22	Wave Off				(3)	19/0	*Whether need nor have.	
23	Horizontal Reference	1B	1B	1B		18/1	*Critical.	
24	Hover Height		1C			11/8	*Extremely important; must be able to recognize close.	
25	Closure Rate Error	2D				9/10		
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	2B	1A	2B		19/0 (2.)		
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cal.							
28	Density Altitude							
29	VERTREP Load Data							
30	Aircraft Separation							
31	HIFR Status							
32	Skew/Tension Indications							

Figure 6-11-5. MC H-46 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 5 - Hover

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 18
		Definitions							
		Level	Type	Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire	Rating Added By Pilot				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind					16/2	See previous pages comment on relative wind.		
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance					18/0	(1.) But not validated in pilot questionnaire. (2.) Except for 13/5 Speed/Long 1.		
16	Relative Altitude					18/0	Relative to hover.		
17	Longitudinal Hover Position					18/0	Relative to hover.		
18	Lateral Hover Position					12/6			
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion					15/3 (2.)	Sudden pitching or rolling can leave a safe landing. Rel. to lower.		
22	Wave Off					3/-	Still might have to wave-off for wheel going in seawalk. Wind across deck. Foul deck.		
23	Horizontal Reference					17/1	23.° Disagree, not enough time to be playing with this; so many things happening.		
24	Hover Height					12/6	24.° Important. Too high or low is critical.		
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HPR Status								
32	Slow/Tension Indications								

Figure 6-11-6. MC H-46 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 6 - Vertical Landing



INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES		RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 12
		Vertical	Speed/Long	Altitude	Instructive				
1	Identify					4/8			
2	Inbound Heading					10/2	*Depends on number of ships in task force. Identify becomes more critical when more than one ship is present.		
3	Base Recovery Course					10/2	2. *Control in heading in hover, not a factor till seg. 2.		
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					9/3			
5	Pattern Orientation					11/1	*Becomes important with multiple aircrafts & patterns.		
6	Pattern Dimensions					11/1			
7	Relative Wind					12/0			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					10/2	*Due to multiple flights of divisions. Nice to know.		
9	Range					12/0	*With divisions of aircraft greater concern for time to landing.		
10	Range Rate					12/0			
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status					10/2	*Don't head while homing.		
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					12/0			
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.									
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIPR Status								
31	Shw/Tension Indications								
32	Stat Status								

Figure 6-12-1. MC H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 1 - Homing

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots	ENGINEERING COMMENTS
		Lateral	Speed/Long.	Vertical	Altitude				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course					9/3	288C determines marshall's orientation.		
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					10/2			
5	Pattern Orientation					11/1			
6	Pattern Dimensions					12/0			
7	Relative Wind					11/1			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					9/3	Numbers of aircraft. In single plane operations possible, but in multiple aircraft recovery several aircraft recovering at same time not necessarily information. This becomes very important to avoid mid-air.		
9	Range					12/0			
10	Range Rate					12/0			
11	Time-to-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Altitude Error								
20	Dock Status					12/0			
21	Ship Motion					12/0			
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					12/0			
27	Special Info. Req'd. Conf.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HFIR Status								
32	Slow/Tension Indications								
33	Sled Status								

Figure 6-12-2. MC H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 2 - Orientation

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS
		Level	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Azimuth			
1	Identity							
2	Inbound Heading							
3	Base Recovery Course					8/3		
4	Ship Course Ambiguity							
5	Pattern Orientation					11/0		
6	Pattern Dimensions					11/0		
7	Relative Wind					8/3		
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					9/2		
9	Range					11/0		
10	Range Rate					11/0		
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone					11/0		
12	Lateral Tracking Error							
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error							
14	Range Milestone							
15	Obstacle Clearance							
16	Relative Altitude							
17	Longitudinal Hover Position							
18	Lateral Hover Position							
19	Hover Azimuth Error							
20	Deck Status					10/1		
21	Ship Motion							
22	Wave Off							
23	Horizontal Reference							
24	Hover Height							
25	Closure Rate Error							
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					11/0		
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.							
28	Density Altitude							
29	VERTREP Load Data							
30	Aircraft Separation							
31	HIFR Status							
32	Slow/Tension Indications							
33	Slid Status							

Figure 6-12-3. MC H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 3 - Initial Approach

ITEM	RATINGS				INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 12
	Definitions								
	Level	Type	Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire	Rating Added By Pilot					
1									
2									
3									
4									
5									
6									
7									
8									
9									
10									
11									
12									
13									
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30									
31									
32									

Figure 6-12-4A. MC H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 4A - Final Initial Approach

☐ Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire  
☐ Rating Added By Pilot  
☐ Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

Definitions  
Level  
1 - Task Control  
2 - Task Limit Warning  
3 - Safety Limit Warning

Type  
A - Error Direction  
B - Error Magnitude  
C - Error Rate-of-change  
D - Change in Error Rate-Of-Change

ITEM	RATINGS					NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS
	Information Requirement Categories	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Azimuth	Instruc'tive			
1	Identify							
2	Inbound Heading							
3	Base Recovery Course					9/2		
4	Ship Course Ambiguity							
5	Pattern Orientation							
6	Pattern Dimensions							
7	Relative Wind					8/3	Determine A/C or pilot limitations.	
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					1/-		
9	Range							
10	Range Rate							
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone							
12	Lateral Tracking Error					10/1		
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error					11/0		
14	Range Milestone					10/1		
15	Obstacle Clearance					1/-		(1.) Except for 7/4 Vertical "8/3 Speed/Long'l."
16	Relative Altitude							
17	Longitudinal Hover Position							
18	Lateral Hover Position							
19	Hover Azimuth Error							
20	Deck Status					8/3		
21	Ship Motion					1/-		
22	Wave Off					11/0		
23	Horizontal Reference					7/4	Not needed yet.	
24	Hover Height							
25	Closure Rate Error					6/5	Critical in H-53. Improper closure rate makes transition to a hover unsafe.	
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					11/0 (1.)		
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
27	Density Altitude							
28	VERTREP Load Data							
29	Aircraft Separation							
30	HIFR Status							
31	Slew/Tension Indications							
32	Sled Status							

Figure 6-12-48. MC H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 4B - Final Close-In Approach

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 11
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Altitude				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind	31	33	31	33	11/0 (1.)	*No problem with this segment.		
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error	20				11/0			
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance	21	33	31	33	11/0			
16	Relative Altitude					11/0			
17	Longitudinal Hover Position					9/2			
18	Lateral Hover Position	21				9/2			
19	Hover Azimuth Error					7/4			
20	Dock Status					6/5			
21	Ship Motion	20	20	20		10/1			
22	Wave Off					10/1			
23	Horizontal Reference	03	00	00		6/5	Especially for H-53.		
24	Hover Height					7/4			
25	Closure Rate Error					7/4			
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	21	04	21		9/2	*Speed Indicator in operation below 40 kts. *Other aircraft turning. Relation to other aircraft turning on deck.		
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HFR Status								
32	Stow/Tension Indications								
33	Slid Status								

Figure 6-12-5. MC H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 5 - Hover

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 12
		Lateral	Speed/Longitudinal	Vertical	Azimuth				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind								
8	Signal Data/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HIFR Status								
32	Stow/Tension Indications								

Figure 6-12-6. MC H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 6 - Vertical Landing

**Definitions**

Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire  
☐ Rating Added By Pilot  
☐ Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

**Type**  
A - Error Direction  
B - Error Magnitude  
C - Error Rate-of-change  
D - Change in Error Rate-Of-Change

**Level**  
1 - Task Control  
2 - Task Limit Warning  
3 - Safety Limit Warning

**RATINGS**

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS
		Local	Speed/Long	Vertical	Azimuth	Instruc		
1	Identify					14/2	Critical if operating at limits of range & EMCON.	
2	Inbound Heading	(B)				16/0		
3	Base Recovery Course					16/0		
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					16/0		
5	Pattern Orientation					16/0		
6	Pattern Dimensions					16/0		
7	Relative Wind					16/0		
8	Signal Data/Charliq					16/0		
9	Range					16/0		
10	Range Rate					16/0		
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone							
12	Lateral Tracking Error							
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error							
14	Range Milestones							
15	Obstacle Clearance					1/-		
16	Relative Altitude					1/-		
17	Longitudinal Hover Position							
18	Lateral Hover Position							
19	Hover Azimuth Error							
20	Deck Status					16/0		
21	Ship Motion					3/-	In case a larger ship or alternate is available, Nice to know for planning.	
22	Wave Off							
23	Horizontal Reference							
24	Hover Height							
25	Closure Rate Error							
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	(C)(D)(E)				16/0		
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
27	Density Altitude							
28	VERTREP Load Data							
29	Aircraft Separation							
30	HIFR Status							
31	Slew/Tension Indications							
32	Slid Status							

Definitions

Figure 6-13-1. MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operation from LPH/LHA's, Segment 1 - Homing



ITEM	RATINGS				INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 14
	Definitions								
	Level	Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire	Rating Added By Pilot	Rating Provided In Evaluation Report					
1	Identity					2/- 1 Lv 1, 1 Lv 2			
2	Inbound Heading					1/-			
3	Base Recovery Course					11/3			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					14/0			
5	Pattern Orientation					12/2			
6	Pattern Dimensions					11/3			
7	Relative Wind					14/0			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					12/2			
9	Range					13/1			
10	Range Rate					13/1			
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone					14/0			
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance					5/- 4 Lv 1, 1 Lv 3			
16	Relative Altitude					4/- 3 Lv 1, 1 Lv 3			
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status					14/0			
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off					2/- 1 Lv 1, 1 Lv 3			
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					13/1			
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Skew/Tension Indications								
32	LZ Altitude					1/-			

Definitions

Figure 6-13-2. MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operation from LPH/LHA's, Segment 2 - Orientation

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 12
		Level	Task Control	Task Limit Warning	Safety Limit Warning				
1	Identity					1/-			
2	Inbound Heading					3/- 2 Lv 1, 1 Lv 2	Must know final inbound course to turn to.		
3	Base Recovery Course					9/3			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					10/2			
5	Pattern Orientation					11/1			
6	Pattern Dimensions					12/0			
7	Relative Wind					11/1	Continuous information.		
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					10/2			
9	Range					12/0			
10	Range Rate					10/2			
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone					1/-			
12	Lateral Tracking Error					1/-			
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error					1/-			
14	Range Milestone					4/- 3 Lv 1, 1 Lv 3	If descending, need obstacle clearance.		
15	Obstacle Clearance					4/- 2 Lv 1, 2 Lv 3			
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error					12/0			
20	Deck Status					2/-			
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					12/0			
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HIFR Status								
32	Shaw/Tension Indications								
33	LZ Altitude					1/-			

Definitions

Figure 6-13-3. MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operation from LPH/LHA's, Segment 3 - Initial Approach

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES				RATINGS		NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 10
	Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Act/Instructive	Definitions					
					Level	Type				
1										
2										
3										
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5										
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Figure 6-13-4A. MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operation from LPH/LHA's, Segment 4A - Final Initial Approach

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 8
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Instructive				
1	Identify					1/-			
2	Inbound Heading					1/-			
3	Base Recovery Course					7/1			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind					6/2			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					3/-			
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone					8/0			
12	Lateral Tracking Error					7/1			
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error					8/0			
14	Range Milestone					6/1 2 Lv 3, 2 Lv 1, 1 Lv 2, 1 Lv 2B			
15	Obstacle Clearance					6/- 2 Lv 3, 1 Lv 1, 1 Lv 2, 1 Lv 2B, 1 Lv 2			
16	Relative Altitude					3/- 2 Lv 1, 1 Lv 2B			
17	Longitudinal Hover Position					3/- 2 Lv 1, 1 Lv 2B			
18	Lateral Hover Position					6/2			
19	Hover Azimuth Error					8/0			
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error					8/- 3 Lv 2B, 2 Lv 1B, 1 Lv 3, 1 Lv 3D			
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					8/0			
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HIFB Status								
32	Skew/Tension Indications								
33	LZ Altitude					1/-			

Definitions

Figure 6-13-4B. MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operation from LPH/LHA's, Segment 4B - Final Close-In Approach

INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES		RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 9
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Azimuth				
1	Identity								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind								
8	Signal Delta/Charl's								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.									
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HFR Status								
31	Slew/Tension Indications								
32	Stad Status								

Definitions

Figure 6-13-5. MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operation from LPH/LHA's, Segment 5 - Hover

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS			NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots	ENGINEERING COMMENTS
		Longitudinal	Vertical	Azimuth				
1	Identity							
2	Inbound Heading							
3	Base Recovery Course							
4	Ship Course Ambiguity							
5	Pattern Orientation							
6	Pattern Dimensions							
7	Relative Wind	(3D) (3D) (3D)			8-38 Lat, 7-38 Vert, 1-38 Sp Long & Azim			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie				From hover to set down, all information has been used only visual reference used to feel for ground.			
9	Range							
10	Range Rate							
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone							
12	Lateral Tracking Error							
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error							
14	Range Milestones	(3D) (3D) (3D)			7/1			
15	Obstacle Clearance				1/-			
16	Relative Altitude				8/0			
17	Longitudinal Hover Position	(3D)			5/3			
18	Lateral Hover Position	(3D)			1/-			
19	Hover Azimuth Error				8-38 Lat, 7-38 Vert, 1-38 Sp Long & Azim			
20	Deck Status				3/1			
21	Ship Motion	(2D) (2D) (2D)			1/-			
22	Wave Off				3/1			
23	Horizontal Reference	(1D) (1D) (1D)			6/2			
24	Hover Height							
25	Closure Rate Error							
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments							
	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.							
27	Density Altitude							
28	VERTREP Load Data							
29	Aircraft Separation							
30	HFR Status							
31	Shew/Tension Indications							
32	Slid Status							

Definitions

Figure 6-13-6. MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operation from LPH/LHA's, Segment 6 - Vertical Landing

Figure 6-14-1 MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Landing Zones, Segment 1 - Homing

ITEM	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 19
	Level	Speed/Altitude	Vertical	Horizontal				
1 Identity					12/7			
2 Inbound Heading					11/8			
3 Base Recovery Course					17/2			
4 Ship Course Ambiguity					14/3			
5 Pattern Orientation					17/2			
6 Pattern Dimensions					14/3			
7 Relative Wind					14/3			
8 Signal Delta/Charlie					18/1			
9 Range					17/2			
10 Range Rate					17/2			
11 Time-To-Turn Milestone					1/-			
12 Lateral Tracking Error					1/-			
13 Approach Slope Tracking Error					1/-			
14 Range Milestones					1/-			
15 Obstacle Clearance					12/7			
16 Relative Altitude					1/-			
17 Longitudinal Hover Position					1/-			
18 Lateral Hover Position					1/-			
19 Hover Azimuth Error					14/3			
20 Deck Status					1/-			
21 Ship Motion					1/-			
22 Wave Off					1/-			
23 Horizontal Reference					1/-			
24 Hover Height					1/-			
25 Closure Rate Error					1/-			
26 Aircraft Flight Instruments					12/7			
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
27 Density Altitude								
28 VERTREP Load Data								
29 Aircraft Separation					1/-			
30 HFR Status								
31 Skew/Tension Indications								
32 LZ Shape & Slope					12/7			

Definitions  
Level  
1 - Task Control  
2 - Task Limit Warning  
3 - Safety Limit Warning

Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire  
Rating Added By Pilot  
Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

Type  
A - Error Direction  
B - Error Magnitude  
C - Error Rate-of-change  
D - Chance in Error Rate-Of-Change

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 16
		Lateral	Speed/Long. 1/2	Vertical	Asimuth				
1	Identify					3/1	Hard to keep. Hard to maintain reference.		
2	Inbound Heading					4/-			
3	Base Recovery Course					14/2	Determines flight pattern, turn to downwind, etc.		
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					14/2			
5	Pattern Orientation					14/2	Wrong patterns cause wave offs & confusion.		
6	Pattern Dimensions					14/0			
7	Relative Wind					15/1	Safe areas clear. Fuel considerations will increase this.		
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					14/2			
9	Range					14/0	Obstacle free.		
10	Range Rate					14/0			
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone					14/0			
12	Lateral Tracking Error					5/-			
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error					2/-			
14	Range Milestone					7/-			
15	Obstacle Clearance					3/-			
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status					14/2	Helps plan final.		
21	Ship Motion					3/-			
22	Wave Off					1/-			
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					14- 15 Lat, Vert, 16 Long			
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data					1/-			
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HFR Status					1/-			
32	LZ Size					1/-			
33	Altitude of LZ								

Figure 6-14-2 MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Landing Zones, Segment 2 - Orientation



INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES		RATINGS			NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 14
		Speed/Longitudinal	Vertical	Altitude				
1	Identify				4/3	Small LZ hard to keep in sight.		
2	Inbound Heading				5/- 2Lv2, 2Lv1, 1Lv2			
3	Base Recovery Course				10/4	3 if it changes. Determines this particular portion, i.e., downwind.		
4	Ship Course Ambiguity				2/-	If incus or heading must know.		
5	Pattern Orientation				12/2	2 of BRC changes.		
6	Pattern Dimensions				13/1	For safety obstacle clearance.		
7	Relative Wind				10/4			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie				13/1			
9	Range				12/2			
10	Range Rate				14/0			
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone				11/3	Rate of turn/angle of bank must be small, i.e., less than or equal to 50°.		
12	Lateral Tracking Error				1/-			
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error							
14	Range Milestone				6/- 3-25, 1-25, 1-25, 1-25	During pattern.		
15	Obstacle Clearance				1/-			
16	Relative Altitude							
17	Longitudinal Hover Position							
18	Lateral Hover Position							
19	Hover Azimuth Error				11/3			
20	Deck Status				1/-			
21	Ship Motion				1/1			
22	Wave Off							
23	Horizontal Reference							
24	Hover Height							
25	Closure Rate Error				1/-			
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments				13-1C Lat, 13-1C Vert, 13-18 Long			
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
27	Density Altitude							
28	VERTREP Load Data							
29	Aircraft Separation							
30	HIFR Status							
31	Altitude LZ				1/1			
32	M1 Obstacle Readout				1/-			

Figure 6-14-3 MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from Landing Zones, Segment 3 - Initial Approach

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 12
		Level	Speed/Long	Vertical	Azimuth				
1	Identify					2/- 1 Lv 2, 1 Lv 3			
2	Inbound Heading					2/1			
3	Base Recovery Course					1/-			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation					1/-			
6	Pattern Dimensions					1/-			
7	Relative Wind					10/2	3B if drastic change.		
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					1/-			
9	Range					2/1			
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone					12/-			
12	Lateral Tracking Error					11/1			
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error					4/- 1 Lv 1, 1 Lv 3			
14	Range Milestone					1/-			
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					9/3	12-TC Lat, 12-TC Veri		
	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.					11-18 Sp/Long.			
27	Density Altitude								
28	VECTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HMR Status								
31	Altitude of LZ					1/-			
32	Obstacle Boundary					1/-			

Figure 6-14-4A MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Landing Zones, Segment 4A - Final Initial Approach

**Type**  
**A - Error Direction**  
**B - Error Magnitude**  
**C - Error Rate-of-change**  
**D - Change in Error Rate-Of-Change**

**Figure 6-14-48 MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from Landing Zones, Segment 4B - Final Close-In Approach**

**Definitions**

Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire  
Rating Added By Pilot  
Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

Type  
A - Error Direction  
B - Error Magnitude  
C - Error Rate-of-change  
D - Change in Error Rate-Of-Change

Level  
1 - Task Control  
2 - Task Limit Warning  
3 - Safety Limit Warning

ITEM	RATINGS				INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE		PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 13
	Vertical	Speed/Long	Azimuth	Intrusive		2/-	1 Lv 3B, 1 Lv 3			
1					Identify					
2					Inbound Heading					
3					Area Recovery Course					
4					Ship Course Ambiguity					
5					Pattern Orientation					
6					Pattern Dimensions					
7					Relative Wind					
8					Signal Delta/Charlie					
9					Range					
10					Range Rate					
11					Time-To-Turn Milestone					
12					Lateral Tracking Error					
13					Approach Slope Tracking Error					
14					Range Milestones					
15					Obstacle Clearance					
16					Relative Altitude					
17					Longitudinal Hover Position					
18					Lateral Hover Position					
19					Hover Azimuth Error					
20					Deck Status					
21					Ship Motion					
22					Wave Off					
23					Horizontal Reference					
24					Hover Height					
25					Closure Rate Error					
26					Aircraft Flight Instruments					
27					Special Info. Req'd. Cat.					
28					Density Altitude					
29					VERTREP Load Data					
30					Aircraft Separation					
31					HIFR Status					
32					Slew/Tension Indications					
33					Slid Status					

Figure 6-14-5 MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Landing Zones, Segment 5 - Hover

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 8
		Level	Vertical	Azimuth	Instr./No				
1	Identify					1/-			
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind								
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	MIFR Status								
32	Skew/Tension Indications								

Figure 6-14-6 MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Landing Zones, Segment 6 - Vertical Landing

○ Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire  
△ Rating Added By Pilot  
□ Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

Definitions  
Level  
1 - Task Control  
2 - Task Limit Warning  
3 - Safety Limit Warning

Type  
A - Error Direction  
B - Error Magnitude  
C - Error Rate-of-change  
D - Chance in Error Rate-Of-Change

ITEM	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS
	Information Requirement Categories	Speed/Longitudinal	Vertical	Asimuth			
1	Monthly				7/4	Critical. Depends on # of ships in task force.	
2	Inbound Heading	(1)		(2)	6/5	Critical.	
3	Base Recovery Course				8/3	Due to multiple flights of divisions not factor till Sep 2. Occasionally several manhandling points. Or	
4	Ship Course Ambiguity			(1)	8/2	Critical if you have multiple flights. Critical if you have more than 1" pattern.	
5	Pattern Orientation			(1)	8/3	Not needed. If aircraft heavy. Important to plan for crab.	
6	Pattern Dimensions			(1)	10/1	Nice to know.	
7	Relative Wind			(1)	9/2	Nice to know. Critical if you're low fuel state or have multiple flights. Several flights arriving same time. Critical fuel. Important for fuel state considerations.	
8	Signal Delta/Charlie			(1)	10/1	10. Nice to know.	
9	Range			(1)	7/4		
10	Range Rate			(1)	10/1		
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone						
12	Lateral Tracking Error						
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error						
14	Range Milestone						
15	Obstacle Clearance						
16	Relative Altitude						
17	Longitudinal Hover Position						
18	Lateral Hover Position						
19	Hover Azimuth Error						
20	Deck Status	(1)			9/2	Nice to know.	
21	Ship Motion	(1)			1/-	Like to know.	
22	Wave Off	(1)			1/-		
23	Horizontal Reference						
24	Hover Height						
25	Closure Rate Error						
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	(1)(1)(1)	(1)			Nice to know.	
27	Density Altitude						
28	VERTREP Load Data						
29	Aircraft Separation						
30	MIFR Status						
31	Skew/Tension Indicators						
32	Sled Status						

Figure 6-15-1 MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from Landing Zones, Segment 1 - Homing

**Definitions**

Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire  
Rating Added By Pilot  
Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

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**Type**  
A - Error Direction  
B - Error Magnitude  
C - Error Rate-of-change  
D - Change in Error Rate-Of-Change

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 8
		Longitudinal	Vertical	Azimuth	Roll/Yaw				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind								
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.									
27	Density Altitude								
28	VECTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Stow/Tension Indications								
32	Slid Status								

Figure 6-15-2 MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from Landing Zones, Segment 2 - Orientation

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 3
		Lateral	Speed/Long.	Vertical	Azimuth				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course				(1)	2/1			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation				(1)	2/1			
6	Pattern Dimensions				(1)	3/0			
7	Relative Wind				(1)	2/1			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie				(1)	2/1			
9	Range				(1)	3/0	Only as to too close aboard closure rate.		
10	Range Rate				(1)	3/0			
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone				(1)	3/0			
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error				(1)	2/- 1 Lv 2, 1 Lv 3	Downwind.		
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance				(1)	1/-	Mountain areas.		
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status				(1)	2/1			
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	(1)(1)(1)(1)			(1)	1/-	Multiple aircraft.		
	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.					3-TC Lat, 1-TC Vert, 1-TC Long.			
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Skew/Tension Indications								
32	Sled Status								

Figure 6-15-3 MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Landing Zones, Segment 3 - Initial Approach



ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 6
		Lateral	Speed/Long	Vertical	Intrusive				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind								
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HFE Status								
32	Skew/Tension Indications								
33	Skid Status								

Figure 6-15-4A MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Landing Zones, Segment 4A - Final Initial Approach

Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire

Rating Added By Pilot

Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

Definitions

Level

1 - Task Control

2 - Task Limit Warning

3 - Safety Limit Warning

Type

A - Error Direction

B - Error Magnitude

C - Error Rate-of-change

D - Chance in Error Rate-Of-Change

ITEM	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS
	Information Requirement Categories	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Azimuth			
1	Identify						
2	Inbound Heading						
3	Base Recovery Course						
4	Ship Course Ambiguity						
5	Pattern Orientation						
6	Pattern Dimensions						
7	Relative Wind						
8	Signal Delta/Charlie						
9	Range						
10	Range Rate						
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone						
12	Lateral Tracking Error						
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error						
14	Range Milestone						
15	Obstacle Clearance						
16	Relative Altitude						
17	Longitudinal Hover Position						
18	Lateral Hover Position						
19	Hover Azimuth Error						
20	Deck Status						
21	Ship Motion						
22	Wave Off						
23	Horizontal Reference						
24	Hover Height						
25	Closure Rate Error						
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments						
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.							
27	Density Altitude						
28	VERTREP Load Data						
29	Aircraft Separation						
30	HIFR Status						
31	Slew/Tension Indications						
32	Slid Status						

Definitions

Figure 6-15-4B MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Landing Zones, Segment 4B - Final Close In Approach

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 3
		Lateral	Speed/Longitudinal	Vertical	Asimuth				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind	3/0	3/0	3/0		3/0			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error	2/0				3/0			
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance	3/0	3/0			3/0			
16	Relative Altitude		3/0			3/0			
17	Longitudinal Hover Position		2/0			2/1			
18	Lateral Hover Position	2/0				2/1			
19	Hover Asimuth Error				(B)	2/1			
20	Deck Status				(2)	3/0			
21	Ship Motion	2/0	2/0			3/0			
22	Wave Off				(3)	3/0	LSE signal.		
23	Horizontal Reference	1/0	1/0			2-18 Lat, 2-18 Vert., 2-18 Azim			
24	Hover Height					2/1			
25	Closure Rate Error					2/1			
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments Special Info. Req'd. Cat.	2/0	1A	2/0		3/0			
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HFR Status								
31	Slow/Tension Indications								
32	Shed Status								

Definitions

Figure 6-15-5 MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from Landing Zones, Segment 5 - Hover

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 2
		Lateral	Speed/Long <sup>1</sup>	Vertical	Azimuth				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind	3D	3D	3D	3D	2/0			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestones								
15	Obstacle Clearance	3D	3D	3D	3D	2/0			
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position	3D				2/0			
18	Lateral Hover Position	3D				2/0			
19	Hover Azimuth Error			2D		2/0			
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion	2D	2D	2D		2/- 1 Lv 2D, 1 Lv 3D			
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference	1D	1D	1D		2/- 1 Lv 1D, 1 Lv 2D			
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Stow/Tension Indications								
32	Slid Status								

Figure 6-15-6 MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Landing Zones, Segment 6 - Vertical Landing

☐ Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire  
☐ Rating Added By Pilot  
☐ Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

Definitions  
 Level  
 1 - Task Control  
 2 - Task Limit Warning  
 3 - Safety Limit Warning

Type  
 A - Error Direction  
 B - Error Magnitude  
 C - Error Rate-of-Change  
 D - Change in Error Rate-Of-Change

ITEM	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS
	Information Requirement Categories	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Azimuth	Reflexive		
1	Identify				(2)	Primary consideration is the correct ship selection. Need to identify ship to follow heading. We need instruction and a visual close indicator on the ship.	
2	Inbound Heading	(1)			4/2		
3	Base Recovery Course				4/2		
4	Ship Course Ambiguity				6/0		
5	Pattern Orientation				6/0		
6	Pattern Disambiguation				6/0		
7	Relative Wind				6/0		
8	Signal Data/Charlie				6/0		
9	Range Rate				5/1		
10	Range Rate				6/0	Fuel/Distance capability/Limitations. Closure rate.	
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone				6/0		
12	Turn Tracking Error						
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error						
14	Range Milestone						
15	Obstacle Clearance						
16	Relative Altitude						
17	Longitudinal Hover Position						
18	Lateral Hover Position						
19	Hover Azimuth Error						
20	Deck Status						
21	Ship Motion				(1)	6/0	
22	Wave Off						
23	Horizontal Reference						
24	Hover Height						
25	Closure Rate Error						
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	(1)(1)(1)	(1)		6/0		
Special Info. Req'd. Cor.							
27	Descent Altitude						
28	VERTREP Load Data						
29	Aircraft Separation						
30	HFR Status						
31	Slam/Tension Indications						
32	Slam Status						

No. Of Pilots: 6

Figure 6-16-1 MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Landing Zones, Segment 1 - Homing

Definitions

Level  
1 - Task Control  
2 - Task Limit Warning  
3 - Safety Limit Warning

Type  
A - Error Direction  
B - Error Magnitude  
C - Error Rate-of-change  
D - Change in Error Rate-Of-Change

Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire  
Rating Added By Pilot  
Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots
		Longitudinal	Speed/Longitudinal	Vertical	Altitude				
1	Identify								3
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Beam Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind								
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn All Maneuvers								
12	Unlateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Missions								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Unlateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Altitude Error								
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	WFR Status								
32	Slow/Tension Indications								
33	Stead Status								

Figure 6-16-2 MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Landing Zones, Segment 2 - Orientation

☐ Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire  
 Rating Added By Pilot  
☐ Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

Definitions  
 Level  
 1 - Task Control  
 2 - Task Limit Warning  
 3 - Safety Limit Warning

Type  
 A - Error Direction  
 B - Error Magnitude  
 C - Error Rate-of-change  
 D - Chance In Error Rate-Of-Change

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 3
		Lateral	Speed/Long. L.	Vertical	Altitude				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course				(1)	2/1			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation				(1)	3/0			
6	Pattern Dimensions				(1)	3/0			
7	Relative Wind				(2)	2/1			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie				(1)	2/1			
9	Bangs				(1)	3/0			
10	Bangs Rate				(1)	3/0			
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone				(1)	3/0			
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Bangs Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Aimpoint Error								
20	Deck Status				(1)	2/1			
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments Special Info. Req'd. Cont.	(1)(1)(1)	(1)(1)(1)			3/0			
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HFR Status								
31	Slow/Tension Indications								
32	Slud Status								

Figure 6-16-3 MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Landing Zones, Segment 3 - Initial Approach

Definitions

Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire  
☐ Rating Added By Pilot  
☐ Rating Provided In Evaluation Report

Level  
 1 - Task Control  
 2 - Task Limit Warning  
 3 - Safety Limit Warning

Type  
 A - Error Direction  
 B - Error Magnitude  
 C - Error Rate-of-change  
 D - Chance in Error Rate-Of-Change

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 3
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Azimuth				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind								
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.									
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Shew/Tension Indications								
32	Slad Status								

Figure 6-16-4A MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
 Operating from Landing Zones, Segment 4A - Final Initial Approach



ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 3
		Lateral	Speed/Longitudinal	Vertical	Altitude				
1	Identity					1/-			
2	Induced Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course					2/1			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind					2/1			
8	Signal Data/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Altitudes								
12	Lateral Tracking Error					2/1			
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error					3/0			
14	Range Altitudes					1/2			
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status					2/1			
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off					3/0			
23	Horizontal Reference					2/1			
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error					2/1			
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					3/0			
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HIFR Status								
32	Slew/Tension Indications								
33	Shed Status								

Figure 6-16-48 MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Landing Zones, Segment 4B - Final Close-In Approach

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 3
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Altitude				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	2/1			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error	2/0				2/1			
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestones								
15	Obstacle Clearance	3/3	3/3			2/1			
16	Relative Altitude		3/0			3/0			
17	Longitudinal Hover Position	2/0				3/0			
18	Lateral Hover Position	2/0				3/0			
19	Hover Altitude Error					2/1			
20	Deck Status				(1)	2/1			
21	Ship Motion	2/0	2/0			1/-			
22	Wave Off				(3)	2/1			
23	Horizontal Reference	1/0	1/0			1/2			
24	Hover Height				(0)	2/1			
25	Camera Rate Error	2/0				1/2			
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	2/0	1/0	2/0		1/2			
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.									
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Skew/Tension Indications								
32	Slud Status								

Figure 6-16-5 MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Landing Zones, Segment 5 - Hover

ITEM	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS
	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES						
	Level	Speed/Long.	Vertical	Instruive			
1	Identify						
2	Inbound Heading						
3	Base Recovery Course						
4	Ship Course Ambiguity						
5	Pattern Orientation						
6	Pattern Dimensions						
7	Relative Wind	(3)	(3)	(3)	2-38 Lat, 2-38 Vert, 2-00 Sp/Long, 2-80 Az		
8	Signal Delta/Charlie						
9	Range						
10	Range Rate						
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone						
12	Lateral Tracking Error						
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error						
14	Range Milestones						
15	Obstacle Clearance	(3)	(3)	(3)	2-38 Lat, 5p/Long, Vert/As.		
16	Relative Altitude						
17	Longitudinal Hover Position	(3)			3/0		
18	Lateral Hover Position	(3)			3/0		
19	Hover Azimuth Error		(10)		2/1		
20	Deck Status			(3)	1/-		
21	Ship Motion	(2)	(2)	(2)	1/2	Ship motion and horizon reference are interconnected.	
22	Wave Off			(3)	1/2		
23	Horizontal Reference	(10)	(10)	(10)	1/2		
24	Hover Height		(10)		3/0		
25	Closure Rate Error						
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments						
	Special Info. Req'd. Cor.						
27	Density Altitude						
28	VERTREP Load Data						
29	Aircraft Separation						
30	HFR Status						
31	Skew/Tension Indications						
32	Sted Status						

Figure 6-16-6 MC H-1/H-46/H-53 Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Landing Zones, Segment 6 - Vertical Landing

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS			NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS
		Vertical	Speed/Longitudinal	Altitude			
1	Identify						
2	Inbound Heading				4/1	*Distance/fuel considerations require positive position identification ASAP for safety sake.	
3	Base Recovery Course				5/0	1.0 We depend largely on information given to pilot as he approaches his intended point of landing.	
4	Ship Course Ambiguity				1/3/2	*Need to know to decide whether to start approach on arrival.	
5	Portion Orientation				1/4/1	5.0 Must have the following information: press/temp, relative wind, deck ready.	
6	Portion Dimensions				1/5/0		
7	Relative Wind				1/3/2	*These are critical for safe landing.	
8	Signal Delta/Charlie				1/3/2		
9	Range				1/5/0		
10	Range Rate				1/5/0		
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone						
12	Lateral Tracking Error						
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error						
14	Range Milestone						
15	Obstacle Clearance						
16	Relative Altitude						
17	Longitudinal Hover Position						
18	Lateral Hover Position						
19	Hover Azimuth Error						
20	Deck Status				1/3/2		
21	Ship Motion						
22	Wave Off						
23	Horizontal Reference						
24	Hover Height						
25	Closure Rate Error						
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments				1/5/0		
	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.				(1.)		
27	Density Altitude				2/2/-		
28	VERTREP Load Data						
29	Aircraft Separation						
30	HIFR Status						
31	Skew/Tension Indications						
32	Sled Status						

Figure 6-17-1. MC AV-8A Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 1 - Homing

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 5
	Latent	Speed/Long	Vertical	Asimuth				
1								
2								
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4								
5								
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Figure 6-17-2. MC AV-8A Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 2 - Orientation

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS
	Lateral	Speed/Longitudinal	Vertical	Altitude			
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
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Figure 6-17-3. MC AV-8A Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 3 - Initial Approach

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ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 5
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Asimuth				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading					1/-			
3	Base Recovery Course					3/- (1.)	*Need to know if it changes much. Once in segment 4B, AV-8 can't turn.		
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind					5/0	*This segment is a transition segment in that you will go from directly instrument flying to both instruments and attempt to go visual. This portion of the azimuth and glide slope information is very critical. Range is critical because without CCA you don't know when to go to 40 nozzle. Need to know range for putting gear and nozzles down.		
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone					5/0			
12	Lateral Tracking Error	2B				5/0		(1.) 2, Level #1	
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error		3B			2/3 (2.)		(2.) 2, Level #1	
14	Range Milestone							2, Level #2 Speed/Long'l.	
15	Obstacle Clearance							1, Level #2 Speed/Long'l.	
16	Relative Altitude							2, Level #1	
17	Longitudinal Hover Position							(3.) Except for 4/1 Vertical	
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status					3/2	*During this segment, must have something to eye distance and looking for visual reference for hover.		
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off					4/1			
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error					5/0			
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	1B 1B 1B				5/0	*Need to know exact altitude because 400' straight in leaves little ground clearance. Also, it affects distance and consequently transition point at which glide slope intercepted.		
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.						NOTE: segment depletion.		
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HFR Status								
32	Skew/Tension Indications								

Figure 6-17-4A. MC AV-8A Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 4A - Final Initial Approach



ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 5
		Definitions							
		Level	Task Control	Rating Suggested On Pilot Questionnaire	Rating Added By Pilot				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind								
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HFR Status								
32	Stow/Tension Indications								

Figure 6-17-4B. MC AV-8A Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 4B - Final Close-In Approach

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 5
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Instructive				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind	3B	3B	3B	3B	5/0	Direction is most important. This phase is strictly visual. You need a good visual cue for altitude and line-up and fuel/AFT position. The pilot scan is outside totally. Landing site information is the same requirement.		
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error	2C				5/0	VFR outside cockpit scan only - no HUD or other instrumentation presently available can substitute for seeing position and drift.		
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance	3B	3B	3B		5/0			
16	Relative Altitude	3C				5/0			
17	Longitudinal Hover Position	2D				5/0			
18	Lateral Hover Position	2D				5/0			
19	Hover Azimuth Error					5/0			
20	Deck Status					3/2	Couldn't perform task if deck fouled.		
21	Ship Motion	2C	2C	2C	3	5/0			
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference	1B	1B	1B		5/0			
24	Hover Height					3/2			
25	Closure Rate Error	2B				3/2	If you level off abruptly, too high, you'll lose sight of line-up lights plus either side of floodlighted ship.		
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	2B	1A	2B		5/0			
	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
27	Density Altitude						25. If closing too fast, you must have large flare. With AVBA cockpit, this means losing sight of line-up lights and deck and possibly other visual cues.		
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HFR Status								
31	Shaw/Tension Indications								
32	Slid Status								

Figure 6-17-5. MC AV-8A Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 5 - Hover

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 5
		Vertical	Speed/Altitude	Azimuth	Instr. Error				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Line Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind					5/0			
8	Signal Delay/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance					5/0			
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position					5/0			
18	Lateral Hover Position					5/0			
19	Hover Azimuth Error					4/1			
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion					5/0			
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference					5/0			
24	Hover Height					4/1			
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HFR Status								
32	Slew/Tension Indications								

Figure 6-17-6. MC AV-8A Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from LPH/LHA's, Segment 6 - Vertical Landing

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 5
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Instructive				
1	Identify					3			
2	Inbound Heading	10				4/1			
3	Base Recovery Course					3/2			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					5/0			
5	Pattern Orientation					4/1			
6	Pattern Dimensions					4/1			
7	Relative Wind					2/3			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					5/0			
9	Range					5/0			
10	Range Rate					5/0			
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status					3/2			
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	10	10	10	10	5/0	(1.)		
Special Info. Req'd. Cont.									
27	Density Altitude					2/3			
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Skew/Tension Indications								
32	Slud Status								

Figure 6-18-1. MC AV-8A Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from Tactical Sites, Segment 1 - Homing

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 5
		Latent	Speed/Longitudinal	Vertical	Maneuver				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course					1 4/1			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity					1 4/1			
5	Pattern Orientation					1 3/2			
6	Pattern Dimensions					1 4/1			
7	Relative Wind					2 3/2			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie					2 3/2			
9	Range					1 5/0			
10	Range Rate					1 5/0			
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone					1 4/1			
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance								
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status					1 3/2			
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference								
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	10	10	10	10	5/0			
	Special Info. Req'd. Cor.								
27	Density Altitude					2 3/2			
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Slew/Tension Indications								
32	Sled Status								

Figure 6-18-2. MC AV-8A Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Tactical Sites, Segment 2 - Orientation

ITEM	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 5
	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES							
	Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Altitude				
1								
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								
8								
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11								
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Figure 6-18-3. MC AV-8A Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Tactical Sites, Segment 3 - Initial Approach

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 5
		Lateral	Speed/Long L.	Azimuth	Instruive				
1	Identity								
2	Inbound Heading					1/-			
3	Area Recovery Course					2/-			
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind					2/1 (1.)			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range					1/-			
10	Range Rate					1/-			
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error					3/- (2.)			
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error					3/- (3.)			
14	Range Milestone					3/- (4.)			
15	Obstacle Clearance					1/- (5.)			
16	Relative Altitude					2/- (6.)			
17	Longitudinal Hover Position								
18	Lateral Hover Position								
19	Hover Azimuth Error								
20	Deck Status					2/- (7.)			
21	Ship Motion								
22	Wave Off					3/- (8.)			
23	Horizontal Reference					1/-			
24	Hover Height								
25	Closure Rate Error					3/- (9.)			
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments					3/- (10.)			
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HIFR Status								
32	Skew/Tension Indications								

Figure 6-18-4A. MC AV-8A Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Tactical Sites, Segment 4A - Final Initial Approach

ITEM	RATINGS				INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 4
	Lateral		Vertical						
	Speed/Longitudinal	Altitude	Altitude	Altitude					
1					Identify				
2					Inbound Heading				
3					Base Recovery Course				
4					Ship Course Ambiguity				
5					Pattern Orientation				
6					Pattern Dimensions				
7					Relative Wind				
8					Signal Delta/Charlie				
9					Range				
10					Range Rate				
11					Time-To-Turn Milestone				
12					Lateral Tracking Error				
13					Approach Slope Tracking Error				
14					Range Milestone				
15					Obstacle Clearance				
16					Relative Altitude				
17					Longitudinal Hover Position				
18					Lateral Hover Position				
19					Hover Azimuth Error				
20					Deck Status				
21					Ship Motion				
22					Wave Off				
23					Horizontal Reference				
24					Hover Height				
25					Closure Rate Error				
26					Aircraft Flight Instruments				
27					Special Info. Req'd. Cal.				
28					Density Altitude				
29					VERTREP Load Data				
30					Aircraft Separation				
31					HIFR Status				
32					Skew/Tension Indications				

Figure 6-18-4B. MC AV-8A Survey of Pilot Information Requirements - Operating from Tactical Sites, Segment 4B - Final Close-In Approach



ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 4
		Local	Speed/Long	Vertical	Instrucive				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind	3	3	3	3	4/0	-Looks good.		
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error	2				4/0			
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone	3	3	3	3	4/0			
15	Obstacle Clearance	3	3	3	3	4/0			
16	Relative Altitude					4/0			
17	Longitudinal Hover Position	2				4/0			
18	Lateral Hover Position	2				4/0			
19	Hover Azimuth Error			1		4/0			
20	Deck Status	2	2	2	2	3/1			
21	Ship Motion					4/0			
22	Wave Off					4/0			
23	Horizontal Reference	1	1	1	1	2/2			
24	Hover Height					3/1			
25	Closure Rate Error	2	2	2	2	4/0			
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments	2	2	2	2				
Special Info. Req'd. Cat.									
27	Density Altitude								
28	VERTREP Load Data								
29	Aircraft Separation								
30	HIFR Status								
31	Skew/Tension Indications								
32	Stid Status								

Figure 6-18-5. MC AV-8A Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Tactical Sites, Segment 5 - Hover

ITEM	INFORMATION REQUIREMENT CATEGORIES	RATINGS				NO. OF PILOTS AGREE/DISAGREE	PILOT COMMENTS	ENGINEERING COMMENTS	No. Of Pilots: 4
		Lateral	Speed/Long'l.	Vertical	Azimuth				
1	Identify								
2	Inbound Heading								
3	Base Recovery Course								
4	Ship Course Ambiguity								
5	Pattern Orientation								
6	Pattern Dimensions								
7	Relative Wind					3/1			
8	Signal Delta/Charlie								
9	Range								
10	Range Rate								
11	Time-To-Turn Milestone								
12	Lateral Tracking Error								
13	Approach Slope Tracking Error								
14	Range Milestone								
15	Obstacle Clearance					3/1			
16	Relative Altitude								
17	Longitudinal Hover Position					3/1			
18	Lateral Hover Position					3/1			
19	Hover Azimuth Error					3/1			
20	Deck Status								
21	Ship Motion					3/1			
22	Wave Off								
23	Horizontal Reference					3/1			
24	Hover Height					3/1			
25	Closure Rate Error								
26	Aircraft Flight Instruments								
27	Special Info. Req'd. Cat.								
28	Density Altitude								
29	VERTREP Load Data								
30	Aircraft Separation								
31	HIFR Status								
32	Sled Status								

Figure 6-18-6. MC AV-8A Survey of Pilot Information Requirements -  
Operating from Tactical Sites, Segment 6 - Vertical Landing

## SECTION VII. PILOT STATEMENTS

The pilot interview questionnaire asked 98 participating pilots three questions concerning visual landing aids. The responses to these questions are tabulated in this section by the branch of service and aircraft type.

A. Visual cue sources during night operations. (What informal cue sources do you use in night ops to obtain essential info: gimmicks like discrete alignment of ship structural elements, etc.?)

### H-1, Marine

Primarily, aircraft instruments.

Mast light is 175' above sea level on LPH. It should not be level with horizon until after the 90° position.

Cue sources on final: ship's tower lights, deck lights, spot line-up lights, and finally, LSE lights.

Cues which I use are the landing signal enlisted and light reflected off the landing spot. The lighting arrangement on the LPH is poor. The 45° line-up line on a LPD is much longer and much brighter with more lights on the line-up.

I use the bridge as a visual cue and the LSE.

Cues: Few, if any, discrete cues are used until segment 4B when the flight deck becomes the visual horizon and this cue is used until segment 6.

Depends on spot.

Bridge height is good for crossing the deck.

### H-2, Navy

Night operations conducted prior to inclusion of VLA equipment. All approaches were self-contained from cockpit info (e.g., rad. alt., VSI, TACAN, etc.). Co-pilot would provide advisory info and advise when pre-briefed limitations were exceeded.

Ship's NAV lighting provides the only cues beyond actual VLA/flight deck lighting for general orientation around the ship. Beyond general outline of superstructure, visibility of the ship at night is nil.

Use co-pilot to give vocal A/S, altitude info during 4A, 4B, and 5 phase of flight.

Cue use for line-up lights/centerline.

Ship structure elements in line-up - Motion of high and low objects on deck or hangar.

Informal cues - lighting of deck - wake of ship - mast lights and running lights; all to determine or picture in my mind where the ship is relative to me. Combined with GSI information and cockpit information to effect a transition to a hover over the deck.

During phase 4, I utilize drop-line and the strobes to set myself up for line-up. The two give me excellent visual cues as to relative position of A/C to ship.

Proper lighting (are all lights on, how bright). Activity on flight deck (LSE or LSO visible). Ship pitch and roll characteristics (movement of key lights and side lights).

I rely on my co-pilot for line-up, height and closure speed as a back-up for my own visual cues. If the co-pilot is giving timely information, the approach is not too difficult until crossing the deck. My biggest assist in centering the aircraft over the deck is the center circle lights. I have used the GSI one time and it appeared to be a most invaluable system. I need more work with it to become proficient.

Have never flown GSI approach. Presently use ship lighting, deck obstacles, i.e., hangar, gun mounts, etc.

Hover with hangar top at eye level. Keep all control inputs positive to keep from "flying the ship."

Outline of hangar and hangar rail on flight deck.

Ships wake, surrounding water and size of LSE in close.

H-46, Navy

Hangar top (AFS, AOE) lights on hangar.

Use different light alignments and use height of certain items on super-structure in front of me for altitude.

Night ops - Essential information. Mast and range light of ship when in appropriate quadrants; also running lights. In close, the size of super-structure tells something of distance to ship and changes give information on closure rate.

The closure rate between aircraft and ship is almost impossible to discern or find at night. There are virtually no cues available to aid in flying this closure rate. Perhaps only the slight difference and relative movement in the flight deck lights. A system that could give relative closure rate for the last  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to ship would be very helpful. There are also no good cues to establish altitude above the water during the final approach. The only real help is the radar altimeter in the aircraft itself and little as far as a visual reference. I have almost put the helo in the water for lack of any visual reference or to altitude on final.

Use alignment lights, spacing of lights (vert. dist.) lighting scheme (position) and brightness (hovering distance).

Top of hangar on AFS. Main deck lights. (Red lens in port security lights) shining down at water provides depth of vision cue.

- a. Mast head & range lite relative position to determine ships head and direction of travel.
- b. Silhouette of ships structure (particularly VERTREP tower). Sometimes you can use moon or an alongside ship's lights to outline home plate.
- c. Ship, particularly AFS, will sometimes turn on PIL red lights along fork-truck passageways and bridge giving good outline of ship w/o destroying night vision.

Night visual cues include, but not limited to:

- 1) VERTREP deck lighting (red)
- 2) Deck edge lights
- 3) Line-up lights

- 4) Stern lights
- 5) LSE in light suit
- 6) Raising hangar doors approx. 1 ft. w/white back lighting for simulated deck horizon/visual reference
- 7) Ship running lights

#### H-46, Marine

Yellow gear on flight deck can be used for relative motion in segment 5 since it reflects the red moon beams.

At night I stay on instruments until 90° approach position for primary altitude reference. I prefer to enter "D" first to ascertain ships heading, which end is which, and to note deck lighting. At 90° position, I ascertain closure rate by rate lights on ship separate. Watch A/C airspeed and rate of descent which I attempt to stabilize, and attempt to sight linesman or object I know size and then can interpret closure rate.

LPH Guam has a quantum leap above other LPH's in fleet with new lighting systems. Hangar and 01 & 02 level lighting; 03 level being flight deck.

For determining position of landing spots on ship (LPH), the use of the ships superstructure. Also the lights on the ship.

Race Track pattern using ships BRC fly downwind reciprocal man on left seat guide you with VFR vectors as to heading and line up you are on gages til after 180°.

Crew coordination pilot in control on instrument for upwind, turn and downwind. Co-pilot is using visual indications and monitoring engine/transmission gauges. At 180° position pilot at controls switches from gauges to visual and other pilot monitors airspeed and altitude and cockpit indications. Visual approach references are ship's lights and outline.

#### H-53, Marine

Once established downwind, utilize hangar deck lights if door is open to pick up alt. reference and closure rate. Current LPH lighting does not give sufficient reference to determine (1) closure rate, (2) altitude or even see the deck.

Primary instruments used by me are the attitude gyro, airspeed indicator, VSI and radar altimeter. The other instruments are glanced at but unless something unusual is noted, I don't pay much attention to them. Outside sign is included to set up for the pattern and my relative position to the ship. Most visual cues occur on final and over the deck edge.

AV-8A, Marine

Ship's island.

On a fixed wing carrier, we (AV-8) used the round down and the top of the "Cherry Picker" crane to the right of the wires. The crane was good for hover altitude and positioning abeam the intended point of landing. The round down passing under the nose as cue for disregarding the ball for glide slope and transitioning to level off watching crane and line up. Some pilots used rotating clear deck recovery light by Pri-Fly as altitude reference.

B. Adequacy of present VLA suits. (How do you feel about the adequacy of present VLA suits with respect to all potential landing/hovering/HIFR, etc. sites?)

H-1, Marine

Satisfactory

Bridge height is good for crossing the deck.

Good on ships where used.

VLA suits are too dim for what I consider adequate references. This comment must be tempered with the fact that moon beams and other lights were being used, therefore diminishing the VLA light source.

On the LPH & LPD, the only VLA are the LSE and the 45° line up lights.

On the LPH, the present system works but it's never utilized the way it was designed to be used; i.e., the 45° lights on the spot (lateral & approach error) work fine, but the system is seldom up (six months at sea I never shot a night approach with any angle lights). The LSE and his lighted suit offer a hover altitude and drift reference if the suit is bright enough to see.

Very good.

Deck lighting is generally inadequate. Alignment type lighting in particular needs improvement. LSE light suits are generally poor, either too dim or intermittent.

H-2, Navy

It appears we remain tied to VLA that originate at ship of absolute no value in conditions of low visibility. Need to develop a "needles" system similar to CV fixed wing approach system.

Present VLA is generally adequate for night landings; however, HIFR/hover operations are limited due to orientation of VLA mainly for actual landings.

VLA with respect to FF with VGSI very good; however, all ships not standardized (have different equipment installed), so approach techniques necessarily different.

Very difficult without horizon reference for vertigo control. Range is needed. More stable GSII needed on 1052 Class.

Not adequate for any sea-state greater than 2-3.

Much prefer the packages on Canadian and British Frigates. We could possibly learn from their successes.

SGSI excellent at this time. With tailwind at night, however, closure rate to ship is difficult to discern and corresponding GSI info. can become more difficult to properly evaluate.

Not adequate for landing phase during moderate to high sea states.

The VLA package on the 1052's is good. The GSI will greatly enhance the pilot's ability to make safe night conditions.

Something (GSI is always better than nothing). Have heard good things about GSI and most seem to feel it is adequate for this demanding environment.

Hangar door face lighting should be standardized white. Red lighting gives no depth perception.

GSI has greatly improved approach phase, especially with respect to altitude information. Still is a necessity for closure rate error information; must rely now on relative size of ship/landing area with no other cues or aids.

H-46, Navy

Totally inadequate on small AE decks I dealt with.



Present VLA package aboard service force ships is very inadequate. This is also true of most amphib. The lights and associated gear are basically designed for a VFR night w/a horizon. The transition phase from IFR flying to visual contact with ship is unsatisfactory since the cues received from ships VLA are not as complete as IFR instruments in the cockpit; therefore, the pilot is not able to fly to the limits of safe operations once the transition to visual on current VLA package aboard Service Force ships and amphib.

Not fooling with any of these for ships other than the hull.

Suits are cumbersome and not bright enough.\*

Very adequate.\*

I have never seen VLA systems.

VLA suits, when operable, are excellent references for night operations, providing both clarity for signals and an excellent "close-in" visual reference.\*

#### H-46, Marine

VLA suits are useful for determining what signal LSE thinks he is giving (no substitute for well trained LSE).

Would like to see uniform lighting of type ships to aid in identification and the continued use of lighted LSE suits to aid in determining closure rate when close to landing. Don't illuminate large areas in red light as with its long wave length, it impedes focus and therefore depth perception.

Standardization of color of lights for VLA is poor; land versus sea.

Present illumination of deck and obstacles is inadequate. Moon beam intensity is too intense when turned up to provide adequate lighting.

#### H-53, Marine

Current VLA unsatisfactory. LPH lights (red) cannot give pilot good visual reference. LSE suit lights weak and visible only  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile or less.\*

VLA suits are very inadequate. Too dim! Many nights the LSE can't be seen 'til within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile.

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\* It appears that the term "VLA suit" used in the pilot questionnaire (meaning the complete VLA system) was interpreted here as referring to the LSE suit.

AV-8A, Marine

The mirror/lens is a good system, especially if it's rolled or moved back to allow you to come to a hover w/a centered ball. Line up lights are still essential and a radar altimeter. This method was many times better than having to transition off the ball.

C. VLA recommendations. (What are your VLA recommendations?)

H-1, Marine

I would like to see an LPH equipped with VLA in the following manner: 1) equip LPH/LPD's with a visible radar (capability that exists today is inadequate for night operations; 2) equip spots 2, 3, 4, 5, & 7 with VLA at deck edge; 3) the VLA for each spot would be turned on just prior to A/C reaching the 90° position, while on final (LPH) A/C would pick up VLA for final visual approach to spot; 4) LSE would be picked up just prior to A/C crossing deck edge; 5) signals from LSE used to land. However, and this may be academic, the radar/TACAN capability of today's LPH/LPD's are not adequate to handle night operations even if VLA's were available; they are not reliable.

Brighten lights.

Need to develop a "needles" system similar to CV fixed wing approach system. We need an "ILS" system.

The LPD & LPH could use some type of GAIL system. The radar and NAVAIDS on these ships are probably the worst in the Navy.

The LPH with a glide slope indicator would be wonderful. The LPD would be much easier to equip though.

Something maintainable by Marines.

Should have lites on 45° bearing vice; one on each end of it.

H-2, Navy

Improved VLA as proposed in presentation appears to satisfy the needs of helicopter operations aboard non-aviation ships under present circumstances. However, with the inclusion of MK III and the 4 hr. missions under increased sea states/reduced meteorological conditions, the pilot work load will be appreciably increased. The fatigue factor created by the stressful conditions

of flying at low altitudes under IMC for prolonged periods will most probably restrict (reduce) the pilot's ability to perform at peak efficiency. Coupled with further complications (sea state 5+) A/C systems degradation, EMCON, etc., and the stage is set against the aircrew. Therefore, the emphasis should not be on visual cues but rather on an automated landing system. Monies obligated for sophisticated VLA packages will have limited improvement if the pilot's response time has been greatly reduced. EMCON poses a special restriction on locating a single ship that has been steaming independently for several hours. Would it not be more beneficial to enhance the aircrew's capability to return unaided through such means as an inertial navigation system capable of analyzing and compensating for existing winds? Once overhead the ship, a laser guided (?) automatic approach and landing would be of substantial benefit to a tired aircrew.

It is becoming an ever popular belief among safety personnel that accidents previously attributed to "pilot error" may have been the result of a pilot subjected to a workload beyond his capabilities (beyond anyone's capabilities). This is what I foresee as the future for LAMPS pilots.

However, until the requirement is generated by proper authority and contractors are tasked to develop the equipment to lessen the workload, the VLA package is the next best thing.

We need an "ILS" system.

One primary addition to VLA which would aid landings on rolling decks, plus aid HIFR/hover operations, would be a stabilized horizon bar. This could be indexed to provide an indication of magnitude of ship's motion.

Ship's heave (vertical and lateral motion) is a considerable problem in sea state 3 and above. Maintaining a steady hover over landing site very difficult. Horizon presentation and/or lateral and vertical direction cues should be available.

Possible radar link to A/C to indicate range to landing area. Need cockpit indication for out of sight conditions indicating deck status. Need rate of closure to landing area from about 1/2 mile into landing area.

Require an artificial horizon (lighted for night operations). Pitch indicator (ship), and rate of closure system - to identify excessive rates at night.

Recommend change color scheme of present GSI to conform to standard color scheme, i.e., green/amber/red.

Install SGSI on all aviation facility ships, and restrict night operations on those ships, and restrict night operations on those ships that do not have it installed.

Current GSI so small it's difficult to find (and sometimes distinguish colors) at distance, then it is too bright in close. Because it's so small, horizon information is useless - recommend wider GSI lens for these reasons.

#### H-46, Navy

Some type of visual cockpit display that allows the pilot to fly the final approach as if he were in a simulator (T.V. screen type). This could also be coupled to the flight controls for automatic approaches.

A glide slope indicator (visual) that compensates for ship pitch and roll and a relative wind indicator in the A/C. I do not feel that VERTREP could ever be done completely on instruments with the H-46 due to no doppler and head programming for level fuselage. Swinging loads extremely high power settings also add to the problem.

Recommendations: Upgrade navigation systems on all ships, i.e., TACAN and LF. GSI should be mandatory for night certification, either Level I or II. Instrument approaches need to be certified aboard each ship and require qualified people on board for control if operating helos at night.

Main deck lighting as indicated in #1 above. Scoreboard type of display of information, i.e., load weight, wind, destination, heading, BRC, etc.

Hurry!!

#### H-46, Marine

VLA - we need something similar to CVA lens set-up, perhaps VLA approach to pt. abeam spot 7 on LPH the reposition up port side to specific spot.

If information in segments which is instructive changes its level, should be raised to allow pilot to change.

For LPH/LHA/Aviation facility ships/Non-aviation facility ships should use white floodlights for the deck areas as is now the case on CV's. LPH/LHA/LPD/LSD's should have the landing TEE's/crosses lighted completely in a color contrasting the white floods. The use of drop lights on LPH/LHA/LSD/LPD would greatly facilitate line up and descent control during the final phases of landing.

Putting deck lights in series on the  $\perp$  and  $45^\circ$  line  $\perp$  on LPH deck will help with line.

Possible use of a VASI system for Approach Lighting.

Visual Landing Aids on LPD & LPH need visual glide slope, so can see night approach 200 feet + 1 mile. Also lighting for  $45^\circ$  on spot line up. Drop-line lights on side of spot.

Improved ship lighting for better references.

Possible use of a VASI system for approach lighting.

Drop lights on side of ship and end.

Wide angle glide slope indicator set up on pri-fly so you arrive at 50 ft. over spot 5. Transition from WAGSI to spot is sometimes difficult.

#### H-53, Marine

Recommend that LPH on aviation facility ships convert to white lights, and make them work. Lighting on USS GUAM is what ships need.

Many of the VLA's on LPH's don't work. They aren't properly maintained. The red lighting is very poor. Almost any change in the lighting would be an improvement.

Aviation ships need a good, safe, and simple system for visual approach under stated conditions. This would increase the safety margin. Paramount though, the system must be simple for quick assimilation, and correction can be immediately taken by the pilot.

#### AV-8A, Marine

I believe that a meatball type system with lineup lights and drop-lights down the side of the ship with some type of range warning system (VASI-type?) to let the pilot know when to put the gear down, then the nozzles, would be ideal.

The following is a general statement from a Marine H-46 pilot which does not answer any of the three questions specifically, but is considered relevant and therefore included in this section.

Initial critical info is location, status, range, & movement of carrier; you must intercept ship to land. With multiple A/C ops, aircraft/flight separation, flight deck status, & fuel availability are critical. The basic approach is on instruments (relative wind, altitude readout, A/C separation, & deck status are critical here). At the abeam position (must be identifiable) the base turn is commenced considering relative wind and ship movement. At the 90 rate of closure, glide slope, relative wind, & visual intercept angle become critical. As the A/C crosses flight deck the closure rate, intercept angle, air speed, & descent rate must be under positive control & minimized. Visual reference is required -- no horizon reference is necessary. The vertical descent to the flight deck is critical in relation to obstacle clearance, descent rate, visual reference with flight deck, & zero relative movement during descent.

## SECTION VIII. TYPICAL VISUAL LANDING AID CONFIGURATIONS

This section provides the typical VLA configurations for LPH/LHA's (Figure 8-1), air capable ships (Figure 8-2), and 600' tactical sites (Figure 8-3). The VLA briefly described in the drawing consists of the following components:

1. Homing beacon
2. Rotary beacon signal system
3. Stabilized glide slope indicator
4. Wave-off/cut lights
5. Overhead floodlights
6. AV-8 STOL line lights
7. Deck surface floodlights
8. AV-8 nozzle rotation lights
9. Vertical drop-line lights
10. Portable helicopter landing spotlight
11. Helicopter landing spotlight
12. Deck edge lights
13. Landing/VERTREP line-up lights
14. Deck status lights
15. Hangar wash lights
16. HIFR heading lights
17. Extended line-up lights
18. Maintenance floodlights
19. Threshold lights
20. Strobe lights
21. Approach lights
22. Centerline lights
23. Runway lights
24. Rotation lights
25. Taxiway lights
26. Obstruction lights
27. Wind cone assembly
28. Landing signal light kit
29. Signal wands

The typical VLA configuration for 600' tactical sites is more elaborate than the small tactical site evaluated in the analysis.

## LANDING SIGNAL LIGHT KIT (WHITE)

A battery operated kit (cloth tape with lights) which is attached to the overalls of the LSE to delineate the position of his arms and legs during night helicopter operations.

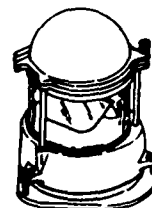


## SIGNAL WANDS

Two hand-held flashlights, with interchangeable colored filters (red, green, yellow, and blue), used by the LSE to give visual directions to the aircraft pilot during night operations.

## HOMING BEACON LIGHT (WHITE)

Mounted high on the air SP5-10F antenna platform to provide the helicopter pilot a visual guide (flashing white light beam) for homing when he approaches within the optical horizon.



## ROTARY BEACON

Provides visual color lights (either red, amber, or green) to indicate to the pilot the deck crew the status of the flight deck.

**GREEN LIGHT** - A clear deck situation exists (landings and take-off are allowed).

**AMBER LIGHT** - Engage or disengage rotors.

**RED LIGHT** - A foul deck situation exists (landings and take-off are prohibited).

## DECK EDGE LIGHTS (BLUE)

The purpose of these globe-type edge lights is to outline the edge of the flight deck.

## HELICOPTER LANDING SPOT LIGHT

Eleven white guide lights and one red main wheel marker light.

Provides landing direction and position information for the pilot and LSE during the approach and landing of helicopters.



## AV-8 VERTICAL DROP-LINE LIGHTS (RED)

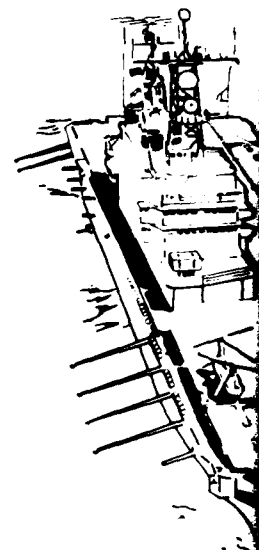
Assists the approaching AV-8 pilot in identifying the plane of the flight deck and in aligning the aircraft with the STOJ line during.



## PORTABLE HELICOPTER LANDING SPOT LIGHTS

Used to meet emergency situations and operating conditions that require spot arrangements other than the fixed landing spot lights.

For example, when operating the H-1 helicopter.



## AV-8

The purpose

TAKE-OFF visual cues (crosses) indicate nozzle fire.

LANDING runway lights (the forward)

## TYPICAL LPH/LHA VISUAL L



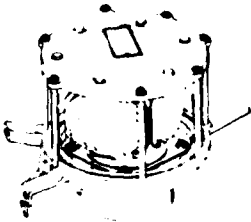
## NAVY BEACON SIGNAL SYSTEM

Three color lights (either red, green, or amber) to indicate to the pilot and the status of the flight deck.

ON - A clear deck situation exists and take-off are allowed.

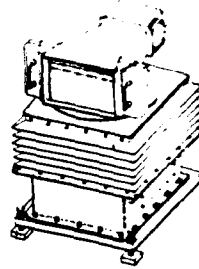
OFF - Engage or disengage.

A foul deck situation exists and take-off are prohibited.



## STABILIZED GLIDE SLOPE INDICATOR

The stabilized GSI projects a tri-colored beam of light centered along a safe glide path to the ship (Green, Amber, Red). The pilot flies the amber beam (command path) to the ship.



## WAVE-OFF/CUT LIGHTS (RED)

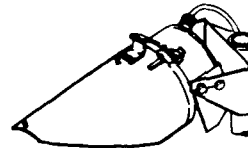
Two lights located on either side of the GSI provide a visual cue signifying the following:

- a. WAVE-OFF (Flashing) - unacceptable landing condition exists aboard ship
- b. CUT - Predetermined signaling system initiated by the LSE to instruct the pilot during landings



## OVERHEAD FLOODLIGHTS (RED OR WHITE)

Provides adequate red or white overall illumination of the flight deck for support of helicopter and AV-8 night operations.



## AV-8 STOL LINE LIGHTS (WHITE)

Provides the approaching AV-8 pilot line-up information to assist him in maintaining a course with the ship before transitioning to a hover and landing.



## AV-8 NOZZLE ROTATION LINE LIGHT (AMBER)

The purpose is two-fold:

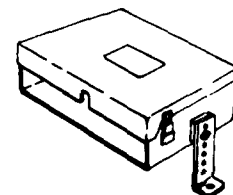
**TAKE-OFF** - Provides the AV-8 pilot with a visual cue so that when the pilot's engine crosses the nozzle rotation line light, it indicates to the pilot to rotate the engine's nozzle to ensure sufficient lift for take-off.

**LANDING** - Assists the AV-8 pilot in determining the ship's heading by identifying the forward end of the ship.



## DECK SURFACE FLOODLIGHTS (RED OR WHITE)

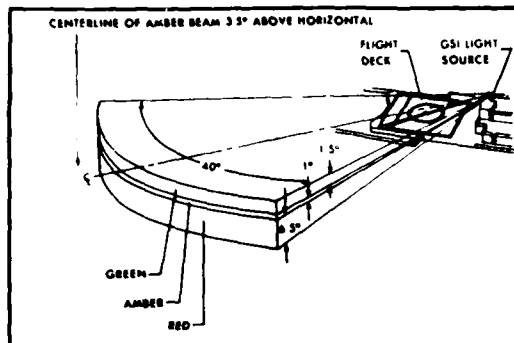
Used to illuminate the flight deck with low level white or red light which provides depth perception to the pilot and facilitate night operations without impairing night vision.



# AV-8 LANDING AIDS CONFIGURATION

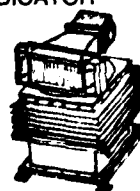
Figure 8-1

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### SPECIAL LIGHTING EQUIPMENT STABILIZED GLIDE SLOPE INDICATOR

The stabilized GSI projects a Tri-Colored beam of light centered along a safe glide path to the ship. The upper sector of the light beam is green, the center portion (command path) is amber, and the lower section is red.



### SPECIAL LIGHTING EQUIPMENT WAVE-OFF LIGHTS

Two lights located on either side of the GSI provide a visual cue signifying an unacceptable landing condition aboard ship.



### SPECIAL LIGHTING EQUIPMENT EXTENDED LINE-UP LIGHTS (WHITE)

A forward extension of the deck mounted line-up lights, they provide the pilot with final position information for touchdown maneuver.



### STANDARD LIGHTING EQUIPMENT SIGNAL WANDS

Two flashlights with color filters



### STANDARD LIGHTING EQUIPMENT EDGE LIGHTS

Outline the periphery of the obstruction free area and are installed on the periphery of the deck.

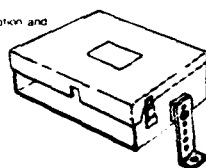
### STANDARD LIGHTING EQUIPMENT LANDING SIGNAL LIGHT KIT

A battery operated kit which attaches to the davits of the Landing Signalman Emblem (LSE) to delineate the arms and legs.

### SPECIAL LIGHTING EQUIPMENT DECK SURFACE FLOODLIGHTS

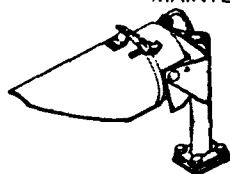
Provides additional depth perception and clarity in a dark environment.

(RED OR WHITE)



### SPECIAL LIGHTING EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE FLOODLIGHT

For pre-flight and post-flight maintenance of a helicopter.



(RED)

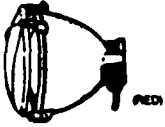
### SPECIAL LIGHTING EQUIPMENT VERTICAL DROP-LINE LIGHTS

An aft extension of the deck mounted line up lights provide pilot with continuous line up information when deck mounted line-up lights cannot be seen due to ship motion.

(RED)



## TYPICAL AIR CAPABLE SHIP VISUAL LANDING AREA

EQUIPMENT  
LIGHTS

Either side of the GSI  
signifying an unob-  
scured area

STANDARD LIGHTING EQUIPMENT  
HIFR HEADING LIGHTS

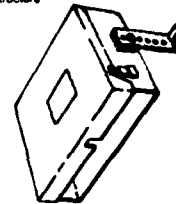
These three lights give the helicopter pilot  
a visual indication of the ship's heading  
and provide height reference during night  
HIFR (Helicopter In-Flight Refueling)  
operations

STANDARD LIGHTING EQUIPMENT  
HOMING BEACON

Located high on the ship's superstructure,  
acts as a reference for locating the ship

SPECIAL LIGHTING EQUIPMENT  
HANGAR WASH LIGHT

Hangar Wash Lights are mounted on the  
bulkhead to illuminate the aft face of a  
hangar or other structure

SPECIAL LIGHTING EQUIPMENT  
DECK STATUS LIGHT

The deck status light provides visual indi-  
cations to the helicopter pilot and deck  
crew that denote deck conditions

1. Green Light - A clear deck situa-  
tion exists (Landing and take-off is  
allowed)
2. Amber Light - Engage or  
disengage rotors
3. Red Light - A fouled deck situa-  
tion exists (Landing and take-off  
prohibited)

STANDARD LIGHTING EQUIPMENT  
OVERHEAD FLOODLIGHTS

Mounted above the helicopter deck area  
to provide overall illumination

SPECIAL LIGHTING EQUIPMENT  
FORWARD STRUCTURE  
FLOODLIGHT

Forward Structure Floodlights are mount-  
ed on the deck and used to illuminate  
structures such as missile launchers, etc.

STANDARD LIGHTING EQUIPMENT  
LANDING LINE-UP LIGHTS

Installed on the line-up line to indicate the  
line of approach which leads to the touch-  
down circle

## SPECIAL LIGHTING EQUIPMENT

A flash sequencer wired into the landing  
line-up light circuit provides the pilot with  
additional visual cues and depth percep-  
tion

STANDARD LIGHTING EQUIPMENT  
VERTREP LINE-UP LIGHTS

Installed on the segmented VERTREP  
line-up line to indicate the line of approach  
for VERTREP/Hover Operations

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Figure 8-2

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### TAXIWAY LIGHTS (BLUE)

Marks the boundaries of the maintenance and parking areas and the taxiway.



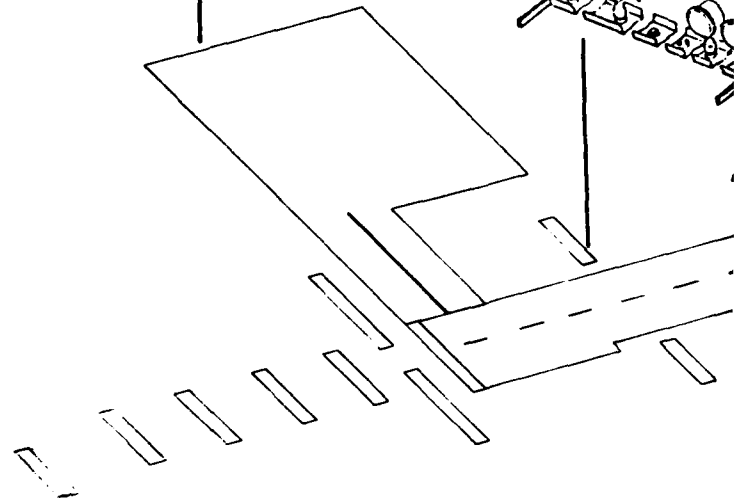
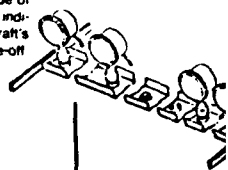
### OBSTRUCTION LIGHTS (RED)

Used to mark physical obstructions near the runways.



### ROTATION LIGHTS (YELLOW)

Same as approach light assemblies except four yellow filters are used. Four assemblies are installed on each side of the runway. Provides a visual cue to indicate to the pilot to rotate the aircraft's nozzle to insure sufficient lift for take-off.



### RUNWAY LIGHTS (WHITE)

Installed along both sides of the runway to indicate the side boundaries of the runway.



## TYPICAL 600' TACTICAL SITE VISU

### THRESHOLD LIGHTS (RED AND GREEN)

Mounted in groups of four lights with alternate red and green filters. (VSTOL)

Provides a visual cue indicating the end and boundaries of the runway.

### WIND CONE ASSEMBLY

S (RED)

An illuminated wind direction indicator located at midfield on the same side of the runway as the maintenance area.

### STROBE LIGHTS (WHITE)

Provides an extra guidance feature to the runway approach lights. Installed in the center of each of the five outermost groups of approach light assemblies at each end of the runway. The lights are sequentially flashed starting with the outermost light to the closest light.

### APPROACH LIGHTS (WHITE)

Mounted in five groups of four lights on VSTOL airfields.

Provides early runway acquisition and aids in runway line-up, especially during restricted visibility conditions.

### CENTERLINE LIGHTS (WHITE)

Indicates the centerline of the landing runway to pilots landing aircraft during night operations or when operating in poor visibility conditions. These lights are bi-directional.

HITE)

VSTOL Field Lighting System, General Arrangement

## UAL LANDING AIDS CONFIGURATION

Figure 8-3

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NATC (CODE SA-71) (4)  
NOSC (CODE 8216) (2)  
NWC (CODE 4033)  
DTNSRDC (CODE 1568)  
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